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Correspondence.

Mr. Connell's Vindication.

To the Editor of THE PROGRESS.

DEAR SIR:—I feel an apology is almost due to your readers for again referring to the Connell wheat combine situation but in view of the most extraordinary "vindication" given by himself at Qu'Appelle as reported in the Vidette (and that journal tells us on its own authority that it would never mislead or misrepresent anybody, no never,—no, nor abuse either—never) we feel constrained to again allude to the question. But I have a further reason for again bringing the matter before your readers. As the public is doubtless aware, I have been requested (almost summonsed) to appear before Mr. Connell to substantiate my statements re N. W. Elevator Association and as I have signified my desire to do so after seeding it becomes imperative on my part to keep my hand in in the meantime. The wisdom on my part of this course will be more apparent when it is remembered that my challenger is a public man, an M. L. A. at present, and prospective member for Eastern Assiniboia in the Federal House—only prospective however.

While poor me—just a mossback you know from the plough tail; and according to the Vidette and Senator Perley, a very despicable and insignificant one at that. So I shall be obliged to keep hard at it. I shall not attempt to deal with the whole of Mr. Connell's speech (that would almost take a book) but just the most startling portions of it.

Permit me, then, first to refer to his denial that he had ever said there was a by-law in the N. W. Elevator Constitution that prevented a greater spread than 3½c. between street and track prices. There is nothing like cold type to settle this question so I will just quote Mr. Connell from the "West" under date of January 24th:—Referring to the N. W. Elevator Association Mr. Connell says, starting a new sentence, "By reducing operating expenses, increasing handling facilities, protecting of small dealers against discrimination in the distribution of cars, a by-law stating that the price of wheat on interior markets should not differ more than 3½ cents between street and track values and fixing the charge for receiving, grading and storing wheat for 10 days at 1½c. per bushel with an extra charge of ½c. for insurance, we were enabled to pay the true market value for wheat."

Not only does Mr. Connell state that the by-law is there, but this subsequent statement bearing on the similarity of prices in adjoining towns is all based on the assumption that the by-lay is actually there And to show that I am not alone in this view of this statement, permit me to point out that the Elevator Commission took a similar view (no one could possibly take any other), so did the Regina Leader, and so did our esteemed friend the Vidette.

But according to Mr. Connell's present position, "he merely said that he had suggested such a by-law, but the members of the Association were so jealous of their independence that they did not accept it." (Ahem). But the funny part of this is that while Mr. Connell wishes us to now understand that this 3½c. by-law is not in the constitution, enormous advantages have accrued to the farmer by reason of such suggestion of his, as per the following quotation: "He was able to say that his suggestion had benefited the farmers to the extent of $900,000.00." And again in the Carnduff Gazette: "But this does not alter the fact that my suggestion resulted in actual operation."

And so after all it is accordingly not the by-laws, regulations and constitution of this Association that determines the conduct of its individual members in the purchase of wheat, but the "suggestions" of Mr. Connell.

Now, Mr. Connell, this is nonsense. But then I should be very careful, as probably you only "suggested" these quotations, or mayhap suggested the "suggestion."

To continue, Mr. Connell states that (and we almost imagine the gusto with which the statement would be made) the N. W. Elevator Association "did not own any elevators, it had no power to handle wheat and did not own a dollar for the purpose of dealing in wheat." (Lucky fellows, Scott and Motherwell, that they were not present at Qu'Appelle to receive this knock-out blow). No, Mr. Connell, you do not purchase wheat *as an Association*. No one, that I am aware of, ever said you did. But as *individual members* of this Elevator Association, you purchase wheat, in which transactions you are pledged over your own signature (see form of application for membership) to be governed by the rules of the collective body—the Association—of which you are a part. And one of those 14 rules distinctly states that the policy of the Association shall be to handle points without street buyers."

Reader, note the above and then note what Mr. Connell says "It had no powers to handle wheat, &c., &c." The Constitution states that the wheat was to "be *handled* without street buyers," but Mr. Connell tells us that "it had no powers to *handle* wheat" at all. But then Mr. Connell must be allowed to tell his own story—what cares he for the constitution?

Referring again to the N. W. Elevator Association, Mr. Connell states: "It provided for an appeal to the Executive when farmers were not of an opinion that they had been fairly used." If Mr. Connell could have proven this statement I would generously have admitted that he had at last scored a point. But most remarkable to relate, I have a copy of the constitution of this association in my possession and there is not a single article in the whole regulations that can possibly be construed into supporting such a statement. I shall be charitable, however, and assume that he did not mean to state that the above provision for appeal was actually in force, but like the 3½c. by-law, it was a "suggestion" of his, and of course, just as good as there.

To again quote from Qu'Appelle speech: "Mr. Motherwell had said that in belonging to the Association he (Mr. Connell) had to pay a membership fee of $5.00 and subscribe to the constitution." Excuse me, no such reference can be found in any of my past letters. Surely Mr. Connell is not here setting up little men of straw to practice on.

Referring to the membership fee, &c., &c., Mr. Connell continues "That was exactly what had to be done in the case of a stock-growers association, or even a Farmers' Institute, and no one would claim that the stock growers association was a combine." Is not that pathetic? How could we be so cruel as to even "suggest" that Mr. Connell belonged to a grain combine when his association is merely an analogous institution to the stock-growers' association and farmers' institute?

But let us see how far the analogy goes: Each and all have to pay a certain membership fee and subscribe to the constitution—all alike so far.

According to Mr. Connell's own version of the object of the Elevator Association (see Regina West, Jan.

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CANADIANS BRIGADED.

DOMINION CONTINGENTS ARE IN ONE DIVISION.

From Appearances They Will Lead the Advance—The Latest Movements—More Reserves.

Bloemfontein, April 15.—A new division consisting of two brigades has been formed under General Ian Hamilton. Gen. Hutton's brigade is composed of the Canadians, New Zealanders, and all the Australians except the cavalry. His staff is Col. Martyr, chief; Lord Rosmead, aide-de-camp; Col. Hood, of Victoria; Col. Bridges, of New South Wales, and Major Cartwright, of Canada, assistant adjutant generals. The brigade consists of four corps of mounted infantry under Cols. Sanderson, Delisle, Filcher and Henry.

The first corps consists of the first battalion Canadians, under Col. Lessard, and second battalion Canadians, under Col. Herchmer. Strathcona's Horse, under Lieut. Col. Steele, and the Victorians, under Col. Pryce are in the fourth corps. The second and third corps are composed of Australians. Each corps has a battalion of imperial mounted infantry attached. The Canadian and New South Wales batteries and a number of Vickers Maxims will join the division. Gen. Ridley's brigade comprises all the South African troops.

London, April 14.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated at Bloemfontein, April 13: "The enemy's movements to the south have been checked. Wepener still surrounded, but the little garrison is holding out well. Troops are being moved to their assistance. The health of the troops is good and the climate is perfection."

Bloemfontein, April 14.—Accounts received here of the fighting of the troops under Colonel Dalgetty at Wepener showed that the Boers attacked them vigorously, but were repulsed with great loss. The Boers subsequently relinquished the attack and it is said here they are returning northward."

London, April 15.—The war office has called out the reserve companies of several infantry battalions, which will be sent to South Africa forthwith.

The Daily Mail publishes this dispatch, dated Friday, April 13, from Lorenz Marques: "The Boers are manufacturing shells, especially Vickers-Maxim, in large quantities at the Beghie foundry, Johannesburg. The actual Boer losses to the end of March, including prisoners, are estimated at 12,000. At present there are 7,000 Boers in Natal, and 37,000 in the Free State."

PARIS FILLING UP.

Prices of Everything Advancing Rapidly.

Paris, April 15.—The advance guard of the army of foreigners invading Paris for the exposition has made its entry and include a large proportion of Americans. Every moment of the day now one sees cabs flying about the boulevards loaded with Saratoga trunks, while the familiar accent is heard in restaurants and other places of popular resort. The hotels are already filling up, and the price of every thing is rising. In fact, these arrivals form a sort of forlorn hope on whom the hotel and shop keepers are experimenting with increased charges. Not only the visitors, but permanent residents are beginning to feel the burden of the advance rates, which most of the hotels have so raised that the regular guests are obliged either to leave or accept poorer quarters. Those who are unfortunate enough only to have one month's leases on their apartments have been notified that their rents will be doubled for six months after the opening of the exposition. The cab drivers have an eye on greater wealth, and are trying to arrange with the government for increased fares.

At the exposition everything itself is bustle and confusion. Heavy draught teams line the streets adjoining the exposition buildings, waiting to deposit their loads of exhibits. The American exhibitors are finding themselves seriously handicapped in preparing for the installation, owing to the unexpected congestion on the railways between Havre and Paris, and also on the tracks within the exposition grounds.

The Queen at Divine Service.

Dublin, April 15.—The Queen took her favorite morning drive yesterday in the private grounds of the viceroy, after which she attended services in the royal chapel where a large congregation assembled. The primate of Ireland preached. In the course of the sermon he referred to the Irish soldiers and the Queen. During the afternoon Her Majesty took a drive in the country.

Seoul, Korea, April 14.—By the terms of the secret agreement between Russia and Korea, the latter pledges itself not to alienate the island called Koppe, situated in the mouth on Masampo harbor. A rebellion on a large scale has begun in the interior of Korea.

A GREAT WHEAT TRUST.

A Plan to Control the Production and Price Discussed.

Minneapolis, April 15.—An evening paper says: "All the farmers of the world in a sort of international trust to restrict the promotion of wheat and raise prices, is the plan which it is hoped to carry into effect at the International Aricultural conference in Paris, July 9-15. It is proposed to ask the farmers of the world to reduce the wheat output by 20 per cent., and not to sell a bushel for less than a dollar.

"J. C. Hanley, of St Paul, executive agent of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union, the National Cotton Growers' association, the Farmers' Federation of the Mississippi valley, and the National Grain Growers' association, is the chief promoter of the International Agricultural trust in America. Prof. G. Ruthland, of the university of Fribourg, Switzerland, is the promoter of the plan in Europe. The idea was conceived by these two men independently. Mr. Hanley has been interested in many "hold Your wheat" schemes, and is prominently associated with the Farmers' elevator, and various co-operative undertakings."

TRAGEDY AT RAPID CITY.

A Farmer, After Brutally Beating His Wife, Commits Suicide.

Rapid City, April 15.—H. Newton, a farmer living four miles north of here, in a fit of insanity committed suicide at his home yesterday after brutally pounding his wife, inflicting wounds from which she will not likely recover. Dr. Crookshank is having her removed to the general hospital, Brandon. An inquest will likely be held today.

Manitoba Legislature.

Winnipeg, April 15.—The Lieutenant-Governor attended at the legislative chamber Thursday afternoon and gave his assent to the interim supply bill for $150,000. The public accounts for 1899, also the report of the municipal commissioner, were laid on the table. The sitting was a short one, a few inquiries, motions, and first readings of bills of minor importance, occupying the remainder of the time. The house adjourned to meet again at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 7th.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Bombay, April 15.—Plague riots have taken place at Cawnpore, where the segragation camp has been destroyed and 10 persons have been killed.

Washington, April 15.—Charles M. Allen, at present assistant secretary of the navy, will be the first civil governor of Porto Rico, under the provisions of the bill passed by the house of representatives.

London, April 15.—It is reported that the Transvaal government have served notice on Portugal that any further shipment of British troops via Beira will be considered an act of war by Portugal.

Washington, April 15.—The Senate has passed the Pacific cable bill introduced by Mr. Hale. The cable is to be under the control of the navy department, and $300,000 is appropriated to begin the work.

The rioters killed five constables and threw their bodies into the burning camp. Order is now restored but all business is suspended and the populace is sullen. Troops and volunteers are patrolling the city, guarding the mills and factories.

Washington, April 15.—Consul General Turner writes to the state department, from Ottawa, under date of March 24, that the minister of finance in a speech recently made before the House of Coommmons, stated that the preferential tariff on articles of British manufacture, has increased from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent.

Washington, April 15.—An agreement was reached after the senate adjourned this week by which the Alaskan bill is to be considered. Mr. Lodge, in charge of the Philippine bill, was asked that it be laid aside informally, and if no objection is made, Senator Lodge will move the consideration of the Alaskan bill.

Montreal, April 15.—Madam Alma Boivin was sentenced on Saturday to a months' imprisonment for personating at the municipal elections. When the judge asked her if she had anything to say in defence, she replied she had not thought she was doing wrong in taking a bribe of $5 to vote in a false name and had seen others do the same thing. She was poor and wanted money for her children, who were in a convent. As the woman evidently did not appreciate the nature of the act she received a light sentence.

Winnipeg, April 15.—The Indian department is receiving most encouraging reports from the various reserves under its control. The four reserves in the File Hills agency are in good condition and the regular spring work has commenced. A similar report comes from the Touchwood Hills agency. The Indians on the Red Deer reserves have been suffering from an epidemic of la grippe for the past few weeks and are keeping the medical officers very busy. On the Wesley agency the cattle have turned out in first class shape and the Indians have over a hundred tons of hay for sale.

THE ENEMY'S ACTIVITY

THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THEIR FORCES TOGETHER.

Brabant at Aliwal North—Canadians at Britstown—Cannonading at Bultfontein.

London, April 13.—The Times publishes the following dispatch:

Cape Town, April 12.—The Dracho-ender correspondent states that Gen. Settle's column reached Upington on March 30. Col. Hughes, Canadian M. P. and chief of Gen. Settle's staff, with two city volunteers cyclists, two Canadians and two other colonials seized Pont. The rebel rear guard evacuated the town hastily after firing one shot, under the impression that a large force was upon them. Rev. Mr. Shroeder, a member of the Cape legislative assembly, was captured 75 miles west of Upington and brought in. The rebels are surrendering their arms.

Upington, about 150 miles west of Kimberley, is a small town, which has long been held by rebels.

London, April 13 — Elandslaagte and Wepener still monopolize attention. At both places a series of indecisive actions are occuring. The Boer report of the fighting on April 10 at Elandslaagte avers that the advance on the British camp was made with the loss of only three mules and two horses and that the British losses must have been heavy. The bombardment lasted all day

Nothing has been learned regarding the rumor of Col. Baden-Powell's death, nor is there anything tending to show how long the general advance towards Pretoria will be delayed. In the absence of exciting developments public interest centres more upon the personality of the new commanders and in the suppositions as to who the next general to be sent home will be.

The sailors of the Powerful are coming in for enthusiastic greetings, equaling those on their arrival at Portsmouth yesterday, when young and old women kissed the officers and men indiscriminately as they came off the dock.

The Boer announcement of the reoccupation of Smithfield by the burghers, just received, is no news, as the small British force at that place withdrew thence after the Reddersburg affair.

It now appears that Gen. Brabant is at Aliwal North and that only a portion of his column is at Wepener.

Britstown, Cape Colony, April 13.—A column of troops commanded by Col. Drury, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, consisting of Canadian artillery and mounted rifles, Yeomanry and Australians, arrived here this morning. They found the district traversed orderly and well disposed.

Bloemfontein, April 13.—According to information received here the Boers activity eastward of the railroad and in proximity to the border is largely due to the fact that Presidents Kruger and Steyn have found they are unable to keep their forces together in inactivity, the burghers declaring they are unwilling to remain with their commands unless actively employed, if they are convinced the British game is a waiting game. It is believed the Boer command was originally designed to oblige Lord Roberts to weaken his force at Bloemfontein in order to protect the railroad. Then the Boers would have attempted to recapture the capital. The burghers are evidently ignorant of the enormous forces Lord Roberts has at his disposal.

Advices from De Aar Siding say the Boers are busily entrenching their position east of Brandfort running parallel with the railroad, while still holding the Waterval Drift waterworks.

Pretoria, April 13.—The Free State Gazette publishes an order to the effect that no person who has been commandered for active service has the right to send a substitute without the consent of the landdrost. In reference to the matter of leave of absence the Gazette says that squads of 10 per cent of each command will be relieved for periods of twelve days, their relief being chosen by ballot. This is intended to meet the wishes of the burghers desiring to plant their crops.

A heavy cannonade was heard this morning in the direction of Bultfontein, situated midway between Winburg and Boshof, in the Orange Free State, and north of Brandfort.

Advices from Wepener, where a British force is surrounded, say the battle continues. About 1,500 British troops are said to be there. Advices from the Boer headquarters in Natal say that after a heavy bombardment the British are retiring in the direction of Ladysmith, and the federals are going to their old positions.

London April 13.—A special dispatch from Elandslaagte dated yesterday says: "Fighting was renewed beyond Elandslaagte this afternoon. The Boers steadily advanced upon the British positions. There was a continuous rifle fire and the Boers big guns were in action. The British replied effectively and after two hours' fighting the Boers were checked.

MANY LIVES LOST

By the Collapse of a Building in Pittsburg—Several Bodies Recovered.

Pittsburg Pa. April 13.—A four story brick building on the corner of Wood street and Third avenue occupied by Armstrong McKelvey & Co wholesale paint dealers collapsed shortly before ten o'clock. A score or more people were in the building at the time and many, it is feared, were buried in the ruins.

A hundred men began tearing away at the debris serving to release the buried men and to get out the dead bodies. It is believed that not one person in the building unless one or two on the top floor, escaped from being crushed to death.

Three injured and one dead had been taken out at 10.30 o'clock. The dead body was recognized as that of a carpenter, name unknown. Two others, who could be seen but had not been reached were believed to be dead. They are Eugene Bernaard and a body. At least twenty-five more more are believed to be stilled in the ruins.

Bellefonte Pa April 13.—An accident occurred this forenoon on one of the mine sidings of the Bellefonte and Snowshoe railroad three miles east of the Snowshoe by which three men were instantly killed and one injured. One of the mountain shifting engines was returning from the Holy mines to the main line at Snowshoe when within three miles of the latter place the rails spread and the engine and a dozen cars were thrown over the embankment.

MONTREAL CIVIC SCANDALS.

Aldermen Offered Money on Advice of Sub Fire Chief

Montreal April 13.—Scandals are accumulating around the city hall. The latest is a charge made by Foreman Naud, of 14 fire station. He was advised by sub-Chief Dubois to offer $50 to certain aldermen to secure promotions. The Bonsecours market scandal is growing more serious. Members of the city council have now in their possession quite a number of names of stall keepers in Bonsecours and other markets, who state they are willing to swear they gave money direct to aldermen past and present, before they secured stalls. So far the aldermen who were publicly accused by Tessier of having forced him to take blackmail have contented themselves by simply denying the truth of Tessier's sworn statements.

Pierre Lacroix, building inspector, whose resignation was accepted Tuesday, was arrested today on a charge of stealing as a servant of the city, the sum of $8 on the 2nd or 3rd of August, 1898. It is alleged that in a great many cases he took money for building permits, and never made returns to the city. Lacroix appeared before Judge Desnoyers yesterday, pleaded not guilty and was admitted to bail. The bonds men furnished by Lacroix are Charles Bergmre and Antoine Hurtuboise, in the sum o of $100 each. He gave personal bail to the extent of $200.

KINETOSCOPE PICTURES.

Enterprising Americans Injured While Reproducing "Battle of Spion Kop."

New York, April 13.—James H White general manager of a Kinetoscope company and William McCarthy were yesterday engaged in taking a picture of the "Battle of Spion Kop" which they had arranged on the rocky slope of the Second Orange mountain at Orange, N.J., when they were seriously hurt by the explosion of a cannon.

More than 200 men had been hired half of the number in Boer costume being placed at the top of the rocky slope, while the others in British uniforms prepared to storm the kop. A cannon was added to increase the picturesque effect. Why it should have exploded before the kinetoscope and the storming started is not clear.

Respite Granted.

Ottawa, April 13.—An order in-council has been passed giving a respite for twenty-four hours to murderer Harry Williams of Toronto so as to put his execution over Good Friday. Williams will be executed Saturday morning. This has been done in response to appeals from Mayor Macdonald and others, who objected to Williams being hanged on Good Friday. Justice Meredith the trial judge who had power under the common law to grant a respite did not do so.

The Queen in Dublin.

Dublin, April 13.—There was a decided improvement in the weather today and the Queen visited the zoological gardens this morning driven in her donkey carriage.

The review of the troops has been fixed for Saturday and will take place in Phoenix Park.

CRANE'S CONDITION ALARMING

London, April 13. — Mr. Stephen Crane, the American novelist, who has been ill for some time, has suffered a relapse and the attending doctors are now almost hopeless of his recovery.

FRESH RUSSIAN DEMANDS.

Yokohama, April 13.—Advices from Seoul announce that Russia has presented to the Corean government renewed demands referring to Masampo.

MUST CALL LEGISLATURE.

His Excellency-in-Council Does Not Regard Lieut.-Gov. McInnes' Explanation as Inadequate.

Ottawa, April 11.—The action of the agent of the government at Victoria, Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, in dismissing his constitutional advisers, who were meeting the legislature at the moment and answerable to the representatives of the people, attracted the attention of his excellency's advisers here at the time and the matter was afterwards pressed upon their attention in the house of commons.

An official request was made upon the lieutenant-governor by his excellency-in-council for an explanation of his action. After a considerable delay the governor's letter of explanation has been received and is regarded as inadequate.

It is understood that the request asked Lieut.-Governor McInnes to explain, in particular, why after dismissing ministers with seats in the legislature he procured a new set of ministers without seats in the legislature and wholly without parliamentary experience. It is believed that the highest authorities here regard this action of the governor as subversive of parliamentary government and outside our system of carrying on public affairs. The reply of the lieutenant-governor does not satisfactorily expain his action in this respect.

It is believed that Lieut.-Governor McInnes has been instructed that he must summon the legislature immediately in order that irresponsible persons should not have the conduct of public affairs, or he must dissolve the legislature at once and give the people an opportunity of recording their judgment.

The new government are understood to take the position in British Columbia that the elections must be delayed until June in order to afford time for the revision of the voters' lists, but the fact that the voters' lists were revised six or eight months ago is regarded as reducing this from a sufficient reason to a mere excuse. The number of persons who could have become qualified as voters in six or eight months would be extremely small. In every province of the Dominion a voters' list six or eight months old would be regarded as a fresh one, and parliament in the Franchise act decided that a provincial voters' list less than twelve months old was a perfectly good and sufficiently new list.

Victoria, April 11.—The report is current that the Dominion government has informed Lieut.-Governor McInnes that he must either call the legislature together and select a government there from or dissolve the house immediately.

Victoria, April 11.—It is announced tonight that the legislature of British Columbia has been dissolved and a new election ordered on or about June 6.

DOMINION HOUSE.

Mr. Puttee Petitions to Introduce the Assiniboia Water Power Bill.

Ottawa, April 11.—At the opening of the proceedings in the house yesterday Mr. Puttee introduced a special preliminary petition for leave to introduce the Assiniboia water power bill.

A petition was read from the inhabitants of Yukon praying for right to elect a member of parliament.

Mr. Fisher introduced a bill to incorporate the Dominion Live Stock Record association. He also introduced a bill to amend the experimental station account.

Sir Chas. Tupper began an attack on the minister of militia and charged him with subordinating the militia department to partisan influences. He also accused him of desiring to sever the tie with England by giving command of the militia to a Canadian.

Mr. Borden denied this most emphatically. What he said was he thought the time had come when the Canadian militia might be regarded as a part of the field from which a commander of militia might be secured.

Sir Chas. Tupper denounced Mr. Borden's action in not permitting the commandant of the Royal Military college, Kingston, as reported in the press not to name candidates for commissions direct to England, as an outrage on the militia of Canada.

Sir Adolphe Caron also spoke and expressed the hope that the minister of militia would be able to contradict this statement.

Sir Wiltrid Laurier thought this matter had been brought before the house on a mere newspaper report, which would be proved at the proper time to be absolutely inaccurate.

Mr. Heyd resumed the debate on the budget, and made an able speech in support of the government. He was followed by Mr. Bergeron. Mr. Bell (P.E.I.) and Mr. Moore followed, after which the house adjourned.

Accra, British Gol Coast, Africa, April 11.—A relieving force of one hundred Hussars started for Coomassie yesterday. As this body of troops is considered insufficient a larger force is being concentrated in the Hinterland. Coomassie is evidenly invested. The Ashanti have captured several native teachers and their families. The rising is spreading.

The Qu'Appelle Progress.

QU'APPELLE, N. W. T.

THE DRESSY WOMAN.

French milliners will continue to use bright combinations on spring hats.

Now come tucked and machine stitched spring and summer hats in straw, velvet and tulle.

Lace waists in delicate, lovely designs will be among the prominent features of fashion among evening toilets for the summer.

Soft French gathers, perpendicular tucks and underfolded side plaitings appear at the back of some of the latest Paris made dress skirts.

From Lyons looms this season come double width silks both plain and bordered to be used for the new kilted and box plaited skirts and circular overdresses.

Fan shaped side plaitings of silk or wool or a mixture of the two fabrics arranged in clusters of five, next to a single box plait, around the entire skirt from the belt down give the demitrain a very pretty flare.

Rossini and Venetian guipure laces in heavy applique patterns, wrought on delicate net meshes, are much used by French tailors and modistes for trimming handsome cloth gowns in the soft pastel tints.

The new spring jackets for youthful wearers are very simple—some double breasted with turn down collar and handsome buttons, others single breasted with strapped sleeves. The extra sweep from gives a remarkably graceful curve to the figure.

Tailor costumes with some added decoration are to be seen among the new spring fashions, but for those who make one or two stylish gowns for an entire season the plainer skirt and jacket, made by a first class tailor or modiste, is decidedly the wisest choice.

Recaming folds, draped berthas, narrow venture lace yoke pieces at the top of decollete bodices, accordion plaited fronts of diaphanous textiles, Greek draperies brought from the right shoulder to the waist and terminating in long scarf ends and ichus of lace or chiffon are in the highest favor for elegant evening toilets.—New York Post.

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Not as Spry as He Was.

"Yes, suh," said the colored veteran, "I'll he'p you all I kin in de race, but de ole man gittin sorter stiff in de j'ints now, en I can't vote lak I use ter, nid de polls so far apart!"—Atlanta Constitution.

STILL ANOTHER TRIUMPH.—Mr. Thomas S. Bullen, Sunderland, writes: "For fourteen years I was afflicted with Piles; and frequently I was unable to walk or sit, but four years ago I was cured by using Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. I have also been subject to Quinsy for over forty years, but Eclectric Oil cured it, and it was a permanent cure in both cases, as neither the Piles nor Quinsy have troubled me since."

At Last.

"Are you ready for the question?" asked the chairman.

"Question! Question!" cried the maiden lady member vociferously.

Alas, she had been waiting many weary years to hear the question put!—Philadelphia North American.

Pleasant as syrup; nothing equals it as a worm medicine; the name is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. The greatest worm destroyer of the age.

A Disappointing Host.

Sandy—A'm tellt ye hev a new nebber Donal.

Donald—Aye.

Sandy—An what like is he?

Donald—Weel, he's a curious laddie. A went to hev a bit talk wi' him th' ither nicht, an he offered me a glass o' whiskey, d'ye see? Weel, he was ringin' oot an A said to him, "Stop!" An he stop'd. That's the soort o' man he is.—Punch.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

Unfitted to Board.

"I like variety in my eating," declared Sterlingworth.

"And yet you positively refuse to eat hash," replied his wife, with rebuke in her tone.—Detroit Free Press.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Her Fear.

Tella—Yis, mum; O'll boy to Fave. Yo takase ay thim dudes that does be ailin on yer daughter.

Mistress—Surely they don't bother you?

Tella—No, they don't, mum, but O'm afeerd some av me friinds'll think dey come for see me, mum.—Philadelphia Press.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Dipping In For Sermons.

"Did you notice the flour on the crown of the Rev. Mr. Sailer's hat this morning?"

"Yes. He must be getting pretty close to the bottom of the barrel."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

SOME FAMOUS FOGS.

Unalaska Has Only a Week of Clear Weather In the Year.

Photographs are at a discount in Unalaska. This weird island is shrouded in fog 11 months out of the 12. September is the one fine month, and on an average there are but seven days of bright sunshine during this glimpse of summer. The reason of this gloom is the meeting of the warm flood of the Japan current with the icy draft of the Arctic, which swirls through Bering strait.

More than one place in the world is limited to very occasional glimpses of the sun. The fogs on the banks of Newfoundland are famous. They are specially bad during the fishing season.

Iceland sometimes has a whole summer of thick fog. This happens every four or five years, when a number of big icebergs float over from Greenland and ground on the northern coast of the island. On such occasions the hay crop in Iceland is a total failure, and so, owing to the chill of the waters, is the fishing.

A part of the foothills of Peru is steeped in mist from May to October. But here the fog is kindly, for it takes the place of rain. Above the height of 1,500 feet it is replaced by violent rain. On some farms half the area is irrigated by fog, the rest by showers.

London's fogs have been almost as thick as they are today for over two centuries, but used not to last so long. It was in 1873 that what was perhaps the worst known lasted from Dec. 8 to 14. Over 40 deaths by accidents in the streets and 25 by drowning were attributed to it. Its most strange effect was upon the fat cattle at the Islington show. They all got ill and exhibited symptoms of poisoning.

In the health districts of north Germany some 60,000 acres of peat are burned over every year. The smoke will drift from this 150 miles without losing much of its density and constitutes what Germans call the heidenich. In a dry summer it hangs over the country for weeks.

Volcanoes are sometimes responsible for fogs which cover millions of acres at a time. In 1812 the ash dust from St. Vincent darkened the sky over the whole group of the Barbados for many days. In 1794 all south Italy and part of Sicily were plunged in gloom for two weeks by an outburst from Mount Etna.

The most extraordinary fog ever known appeared at Copenhagen on May 24, 1783, and, spreading all over Europe, covered France early in June. It was noticed from Russia to Canada and lasted in some places for four months. It veiled everything in a pale blue haze and was not affected by rain or wind.

It showed no trace of moisture and had a strong and very unpleasant acrid odor. Its result was a severe epidemic of influenza, and, after causing terrible alarm in almost all civilized nations, it ended in a series of terrific thunderstorms, felt most severely in France and England.

Perhaps the most startling part of this fog and a similar one which appeared in 1831 was that at night there was no real darkness. The air seemed dully luminous. Fine print could be read at midnight.—Stray Stories.

A CURIOUS SUPERSTITION.

Identically the Same With Islanders Fifteen Thousand Miles Apart.

Philosophic people who belong to the Folklore society are fond of tracing legends and myths and customs all over the world. Cinderella, the dear girl, is found in one known not how many peoples, speaking innumerable tongues and believing an equal number of religions. How did Cinderella become ubiquitous? The transactions of the Folklore society will perhaps offer a theory.

Now there has been unraveled a curious superstition common to Shetlanders and Polynesians. How islanders so wide apart—some 15,000 miles—managed to adopt each other's views one does not know, but here is the fact. The rice cultivators of Ceylon and the fishermen of Shetland resemble each other in one or two rather remarkable points. They refrain from speaking of the implements of their calling by their names. They call them something else, by names known only to themselves. The reason is that if the evil spirit were to think that they were speaking of spades and rakes or of nets and hooks he would be tempted to damage them or even to appropriate them.

The train of thought is the same with both races. "There is an evil spirit always on the lookout for opportunities of doing mischief. He even hears what we say. If we let him understand that we are talking about our implements and tools, we shall direct his attention to them and shall suggest to him a way of doing an injury. Therefore we will agree to call a boat or a spade by some fancy name known only to ourselves."

Another custom of the Shetlander not possible to the rice grower is that if in fishing his net catches something at the bottom and a stone is brought up it is not to be thrown back again for fear of offending the evil spirit, who most certainly put it into the net. It is to be kept in the boat until the net again catches bottom, and to be dropped in the water. Then it is to be heaved, "Take your own and give me mine," whereupon the net is at once released. Now, if the Cingalese were to turn fisher, would he, following the same line of thought, adopt a similar custom?—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Obliging Travelers.

"What is in that box you are so careful about, if I may ask?" inquired the man who had secured the lower berth in the sleeper.

"That's a collection of rare snakes I am taking to a museum. They are too valuable to be trusted out of my sight," replied the man who was preparing to climb to the upper shelf.

"Say, I'll trade berths with you."

"All right. I'm not particular where I sleep."—Chicago Tribune.

The Parson and the Rooster.

A good rooster story comes from a Somerset county correspondent. A certain clergyman, whom we will call Rev. Mr. Little, gave one of his parishioners a rooster, as a slight token of esteem. In the family was a bright 4-year-old boy, and he always called the rooster "Brother Little." One morning the little fellow saw the rooster coming toward the house, and he shouted, "Grandma, here comes Brother Little."

Grandma never stopped to look out or make any inquiries, but started quickly to pick up and set things to rights about the room. This done, she asked the boy, "Where is Brother Little?"

"Just gone into the stable," replied the boy.

Grandma thought she might have time to change her dress and quickly dodged into another room and in a very short time appeared attired in another gown, but somewhat out of breath. Again she asked the boy if he had seen Brother Little.

"Yes," said the innocent child; "there he goes back to the barn with the rest of the hens."

Grandma did not say a word, but sat down for a few minutes to rest, and later she seemed to enjoy the joke with her grandson, who looked on wonderingly as though he only partly took in the situation.—Bangor Whig and Courier.

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The Interrupted Sermon.

"My text," said the colored deacon as the Bible lay upside down before him, "is, 'En hit come ter pass dat de whale riz up en swallered Jonah.'"

Here an old brother in the amen corner rose and said:

"Dat ain't de right readin, brother; tu'n de book roun en fin de place."

"'En hit come ter pass,'" continued the deacon, frowning down on him, "'dat de whale riz up en swallered Jonah,' and my only regret is dat de pusson dat has interrupted dis meetin wuzn't in de same beat wid him, so's de whale could er swallered him too."—Atlanta Constitution.

A PLEASANT MEDICINE—There are some pills which have no other purpose evidently than to beget painful internal disturbances in the patient, adding to his troubles and perplexities rather than diminishing them. One might as well swallow some corrosive material. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills have not this disagreeable and injurious property. They are easy to take, are not unpleasant to the taste, and their action is mild and soothing. A trial of them will prove this. They offer peace to the dyspeptic.

Origin of the Phrase.

The kind lady had been feeding the birds for months, but for several days past she had neglected them. Accordingly the feathered malcontents were holding an indignation meeting in the pine tree.

"We must send a committee of one to protest," declared the snowbird.

"Good!" exclaimed the sparrow, who was presiding. "I'll send that fat little redbreast. He's a round robin."—Philadelphia Press.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

TAKING THE REINS.

Walter O. Parmer, the Nashville horseman, says he has cleared $30,000 on mules inside of a year.

Alix McDonald predicts that Coney 2.07¾, will be a good and consistent race horse this season. He has wintered in grand shape.

The famous kite track at Columbia, Penn., is going to ruin. But one meeting was held on the old track, and it is now used as a cattle yard.

The Detroit Driving club announces that the entrance fee will be 3 per cent of the purse in all early closing races for the grand circuit trotting meeting of 1900.

Northumberland, by Trevillian, 2.08¾, dam Gladsome, by Dictator, is one of the handsome young sires at Penn Valley farm, as well as one of the most promising, being capable of 2.25 now.

Lady of the Manor, 2.04¾, the champion pacing mare, has been permanently retired from the turf and bred to Direct Hal, the $10,000 pacing stallion recently purchased from Ed Geers by the Hamlins.

Ben Kenney is probably the only light horse keeper in the world who devotes his spare time to the breaking of the light harness horse. He thinks that some of the Schoolmarm colts will do to take to the races.

W. H. Jackson Junior's string is composed entirely of 2-year-olds, and the sweetest looking member of the lot is a rosy looking filly by Tenny, a horse that was famous on the turf a few years ago out of Ma Belle. John Brannon is trainer.

Approved.

Saunting Sim—Well, do you think of de "Man Wif de Hoe?"

Tired Treadwell—I think he's all right. I seen a picture of him watch, and all he done was lean ag'inst it.—Chicago Times-Herald.

From Pain to Health.

A CHIPPEWA LADY TELLS A STORY OF SUFFERING AND RELEASE.

Suffering From Heart Trouble for Years—Her Misery Further Aggravated by Kidney and Stomach Trouble.

From the Star, St. Catherines, Ont.

In the village of Chippewa, and along the Niagara frontier, there is probably no better known or respected residents than Mr and Mrs. David Schatel. Both are of German descent and display much of that old fashioned hospitality so often found in the fatherland. To a correspondent of the St. Catherines Star, who recently called at Mr. Schatel's home Mrs. Schatel related the following story:—"Years ago my physician told me I had heart disease. I have been troubled at intervals with palpitation and severe pains, and some times my heart would almost cease to beat. I would become dizzy, restless and frightened. At other times I slept badly and had troublesome dreams. I lingered in this state until last winter, when exposure to cold affected my kidneys and completely prostrated me. The spring came, when my complaints were further aggravated by stomach trouble. I loathed food and could realize that I was daily growing weaker. My physician's treatment would sometimes slightly benefit me, then again I was worse than ever. Finally, after all hope was apparently gone and a large sum of money had been thrown away for medicines that did me no good, a friend strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, two boxes of which were brought me at the beginning of the summer for 1899. I used them and to my joy noticed improvement. I continued the use of the pills faithfully until I had taken eight boxes. I am now able to attend to all my housework, feeling entirely cured. I have never had better health than I am now enjoying and since discontinuing the pills have had no symptoms of the old complaints. I feel that I am under life-long obligations for the benefit I have derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and will continue to praise them when opportunity offers."

No Room For More Patients.

Mrs. Wicks—The committee has requested me to make a dozen pies for the charity bazaar.

Mr. Wicks—What is the object of the bazaar, my dear?

Mrs. Wicks—To raise funds for the free hospital.

Mr. Wicks—But I understand the hospital is already overcrowded.

Mrs. Wicks—Yes, I believe it is.

Mr. Wicks—Then for goodness' sake don't donate any of your pies.—Chicago News.

PHILOSOPHY OF SPRING.

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Diplomacy That Pays.

"There's one thing about it. You don't have to bother with a furnace if you live in a flat."

"Oh, well, I don't bother with a furnace either, and I live in a house."

"You don't mean to tell me you have a girl that looks after it, do you?"

"No. You see, we burn natural gas, and I've succeeded in getting my wife, who is very nervous, to believe that I can't be trusted to monkey with the valves, so she attends to it herself."—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Rubber Hoof Marks.

There's not a highway in the land
But what amid its dust or mud
The automobile, as you'll find,
Has left its auto graph behind.
—Elliott's Magazine.

Agony of Eczema.

Couldn't sleep at night with the torture.

Eczema, or Salt Rheum as it is often called, is one of the most agonizing of skin diseases, nothing but torture during the day and twofold torture at night.

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At the Sign of the Inn.

I like a tavern old and gray
When comes a rainy day,
When wind and rain in anger beat
On dripping roof and street.
Then give me, as my heart's desire,
A jolly landlord and a fire.

What care I, then, for wind and wreck,
Where I'm all called for sack
Of Mistress Quickly, dead long since,
Welcomed his grave the prince;
Where Pickwick's party, weather bound,
Quaffed health in the roaring table round?

Oh, for a tavern old and gray!
(I have the rainy day.)
Oh, for a landlord fat and fine,
Dealing forth his wine!
Stories of love and battles dire
And song before a tavern fire!

Then let the winds and icy rains
Battle the rocking panes!
The landlord's story's in mine ear;
The minstrel's song I hear.
Let the rains beat! "Blow, wind; come wreck!"
Sirrah, a cup of sack—of sack!
—Chicago Record.

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ROSCOE E. LAW,
EDITOR AND MANAGER

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1900.

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

THE LEADER'S REPLY.

In its last issue the Leader replies to Mr Connell anent the N. W. Elevator Association, a portion of which, according to our space, we reproduce that the electors of East Assiniboia may have an opportunity of judging the two sides fairly.

We regret that we lack space to more than hastily glance at the position taken by Mr. Connell at Qu'Appelle respecting the charge made in these columns and elsewhere that he had allied himself with the grain and elevator men whom he bitterly denounced one year ago as combinesters. Mr. Connell's retort that the charge was made for political reasons, and that no outcry was made until he became a candidate for the Commons, requires little comment. By becoming a political candidate Mr. Connell became a fair subject for political criticism. We are quite ready to agree with him that if he were not a candidate it is very likely that much less would have been heard of his connection with the Elevator Association. He would not have deemed it necessary to address the electors at Qu'Appelle on the subject for instance. But the fact is that his candidature and the fact of his membership in the Association came to public knowledge about the same time. It was not until we saw the evidence adduced before the Elevator Commission at Carnduff where upon oath Mr. Connell admitted his membership, that we obtained certain knowledge of his connection.

Regarding Mr. Connell's assertion that the Association was purely for trade purposes, the Leader goes on to say:

"On the face of it the statement is just as plausible as those made one year ago by members of the organization denounced by Mr. Connell as a combine, as those, for instance, made by Mr. Love in the Connell vs. Love controversy. What does Mr. Connell mean by denying that he is in the combine? If this Association is not the combine then no combine exists, because every grain man and company that was in the 1898 organization is in the present Association."

The report of the Elevator Commission shows that throughout the length and breadth of Manitoba and the North-west Territories the identical conditions in these respects prevailed in 1898 as in 1899. Let Mr. Connell meet this statement of fact fairly and squarely if he can. Were the independent dealers treated differently from the treatment [illegible] members of the [illegible] in 1898? Was [illegible] in 1899 the [illegible] Wyllie & Co. was shut out of [illegible] at Regina, Wascana and Lumsden, and we have reason to believe that the firm was shut out by the private regulation of the N. W. Elevator Association which if any member disregarded left him liable to a heavy fine and expulsion. Let M. Connell meet this statement of fact fairly and squarely if he dares..... On every market in Manitoba and the Territories governed by the Elevator Association and the C. P. R. Co.'s restrictions the Elevator Commission report shows that the farmers had as much to complain against respecting unfair dockage and weighing and the absence of any real competition during the season of 1899 as in 1898. Let Mr. Connell meet this statement of fact fairly and squarely if he dare. He met none of these statements of fact at Qu'Appelle."

"So far as we are able to discern Mr. Connell has utterly failed to establish his original contention that the N. W. Elevator Association was distinct from the big grain companies and was composed of farmers' elevator companies and independent dealers to fight the combine. He essayed absolutely no explanation of the peculiar fact that the officers of the Association are Messrs. Martin, Muir and Thompson of Winnipeg. What farmers' company do these men represent? Did the independent dealers have to go to the combine for officers when they organized to fight the combine? We repeat that in our opinion Mr. Connell has quite failed to show why the same denunciation and the same ridicule with which he viewed the claims that the combine of 1898 was formed in the interest of the farmers, which were greeted with applause and laughter in the Assembly, may not now be equally well applied to the N. W. Elevator Association and the pretensions he makes that it has operated for the farmers' interest."

Apropos of the contention by the Leader that a combine still exists, THE PROGRESS asked Mr. Connell if the Elevator Association were a combine and his reply was an emphatic denial. He also stated that it was impossible for members of the Association to form a combine as the Association constitution prevented it. Directly? No, but certain clauses prevented such a possibility. We have, however, carefully examined the said constitution and can find no such interpretation therein.

A MANLY STAND.

The West and Vidette of last week kindly gave us credit for taking a manly stand in regard to Mr. Connell's position in the North-West Elevator Association. We trust they and all others will continue in their good opinion even if we do not always see eye to eye with Conservative or Reform organs or electors. It is our purpose always to discuss public questions on their merits, not because of the party supporting them. No man or party is perfect but he is indeed narrow minded and bindly prejudiced who can see no good in his opponent or the opposite party.

MR. CONNELL'S VINDICATION.

31st) he says "Last July in connection with a number of farmers' elevator managers in Manitoba and the North-west Territories I suggested the present elevator association, having in view the temporary protection of the producer for the season '99, pending legislation of a remedial nature at the ensuing session." It will thus be seen that the elevators have organized in this association for the benefit of the farmers (?), for the similarity there between elevators and the stock-growers and farmers institutes, to be complete the latter must have organized for the benefit of some other class of the community—say the elevator men, for instance. But as we all know the stock-growers, bi-cyclists or any class of people (except the elevator men [illegible] organize for the benefit of [illegible] consequently we are led to conclude that the analogy that Mr. Connell [illegible] us to draw between the [illegible] and the stock men, stops short with the fact that they both pay a certain membership fee.

To follow Mr. Connell further in one issue, in his helpless and pitiful flounderings to square himself with the farmers whose friend he professes to be, would be not only an unwarrantable exhibition of cruelty and uncharitableness, but also of doubtful benefit towards securing relief from pernicious regulations of this Elevator Association.

Should Mr Connell see his way to man the pen, (and he *can* do it if he wishes) will he be good enough to inform an anxious public how the withdrawal of all the street buyers from the market increases competition (seeing that he admits that "competition is the life of trade") and is beneficial to the farmers. Also how the payment by members of Mr. Connell's association, to their buyers, of a certain sum extra, over and above regular salary (see constitution regulation G.) should then "weight and grade turn out correct" is going to result in "rectified dockages." Mr. Connell in his speech quotes Mr. Thompson, secretary of the association, as saying that their association "did not regulate prices, having no capital." Mr. Connell, however, is less modest himself in his first letter, for he there claimed that his association *did* regulate prices even to the extent of keeping them the same in adjoining towns. We will give his own words—"Again wheat was kept at a uniform value at all points when the freight rates to Fort William were alike." Will Mr. Connell also kindly explain this discrepancy?

Leaving the combine character of the North-west Elevator Association for discussion on a future day and trusting that Mr. Connell will no longer rely on such extremely questionable authorities as the Vidette or Senator Perley, to come to his relief, but that he will come forward himself and attempt at least to dispel the gloom of his disappointed friends.

I am, Sir,
Yours very respectfully,
W. R. MOTHERWELL.

Abernethy, April 7th 1900.

At The Front.

The following letter from M. Talbot to his mother will, we have no doubt, prove of even greater interest than those of last week.

Victoria West, March 12th, 1900.

We left Cape Town Thursday morning and were two days and nights in the train. We arrived here yesterday about 4 p. m. We left Victoria West station at 2 p.m. We are now eight miles from the railroad. There are supposed to be about 5,000 of the Boers, who escaped at the time of Cronje's surrender, about twenty miles from us, so we hope to have our nerves tried in a very short time.

The rebels are in force about sixty miles from here.

Some of our scouts came in yesterday and reported having seen rebels about nine miles from here. Last night our out-pickets fired on one who came too near our camp.

It is reported that some of our men (not the C. M. R., but the Mounted Yeomanry) that were scouting have been surrounded. They have been out three days and were to have been back in 24 hours.

We were treated very well by most of the people as we came through from Cape Town. Regie Shepherd and I are in the same squadron and the same troop. We went down to the creek this morning and had a bath, and then went over to the English Church service.

At one of the stations on our way up a lady brought us out a lot of grapes. We noticed she had been crying. The station-master told us afterwards that she had two sons fighting on the Boer side, and one in the British army.

I would not give one of our snow drifts out west for all of the country I have seen in South Africa. It is nothing but sand and sage bushes, and hot enough in the day time to melt one. If you want hot water, all you have to do here is to set your can of water on the sand and in fifteen minutes it is boiling. You may think this is a black one, but it is only white.

And then at night one nearly freezes. I will send you two pieces of the Boer colors. The navy was taken from one of the dead in Cronje's army. His sister gave it to me at the Cape; and the other piece was given to me by one of the prisoners we escorted to the train last week.

We move up country to-day, and I don't know when I will have a chance to write home again.

The batteries that I crossed over with got their mail three times since we landed; but the C. M. R. have not got any mail yet, and I have not had one word from home. Do not know why it is we do not get any mail.

Kindly remember me to all the Qu'Appelle friends.

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LOCAL NEWS

Wheat seeding is practically over for this year.

The implement men have been doing a roaring trade during the past three weeks and so far they seem to be as busy as ever.

David White, Hayward, was in town on Tuesday.

It is with sorrow we have to announce the death of Mabel Murking, the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Humby, Touchwood Hills, which took place on Tuesday the 10th inst. She had been suffering from pneumonia for about ten days when Dr. Hall was called in. Although he did everything in his power to relieve her his efforts were unavailing. THE PROGRESS together with the numerous friends of the bereaved parents tender the sincerest sympathy to them in their sad affliction.

We are glad to hear Mr. Humby who has been ill for several days is getting better. We hope he will soon be fully restored to health.

Geo. S. Davidson of the Massey-Harris Co., Indian Head, was in town on Wednesday last.

The Rev. T. J. and Mrs. McCrossan, Indian Head, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cargo on Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday they visited the public school and called on several of their friends.

Miss Gray, Qu'Appelle Station, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Green for several days.

W. Kearns, Lakesend, was in town on Thursday.

Dr J. Creamer of the Station, was in town on a business trip on Thursday.

We were glad to see our old friend A. Atherton, Touchwood Hills, in town on Thursday. Mr. Atherton does not often come to town. We were pleased to know that his cattle did remarkably well last winter and that he had no losses.

Mr. and Mrs. Cregan and family of Kutawa, have come to live in town. They will occupy the house about to be vacated by Mrs. F. C. Gilchrist.

Misses Scott and Redpath and Mr. Alf. Bailey, of Parklands, were in town on Saturday.

We are glad to hear that Rev. Mr. Scott, the newly appointed missionary at Parklands, is very acceptable to the settlers generally and from what we have heard of him we feel sure his work will be prosperous. He has our best wishes.

Messrs R. Nowth and S. Barnes of Barnes Settlement, were in town on Saturday. We were glad to learn that "Dick" Barnes who went in charge of the moose to New Zealand last December, is likely to return about the first of May. He thinks Australia a fine country but not as good as Canada.

W. Harvey, Balcarres, visited friends at the Fort on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Holden, Indian Head, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cargo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham, File Hills, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neil, Hayward, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Donaldson.

D. H. McDonald, M. L. A., left on Sunday evening for Regina.

The Easter Services at S. John's church were well attended and the services were hearty throughout.

The usual Easter meeting of the parishioners was held in the vicarage on Monday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

D. H. McDonald, M. L. A., presided at a meeting of the ratepayers held in the schoolhouse on Saturday last for the purpose of receiving the overseer's report, etc., for the past year. The several reports presented were received and adopted. F. S. Proctor was re-elected overseer and Messrs. Geo. Reed and J. Nixon were elected a committee of management of the cemetery. R. Williams was appointed auditor.

Mr. Chas Payne went to Balcarres on Monday.

A regular meeting of Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 32 G. R. M., was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday last. There was a good attendance of the brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Blackbeard are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hayward.

Mrs. A. Urquhart left for Yellowgrass on Wednesday. Mr. Urquhart is going into the hardware business in that town.

Lebret.

From our own correspondent.

Considerable seeding has already been done in this neighborhood.

Rev. Father Van Heertum, parish priest of Regina, spent a few days at Lebret last week.

Mr. W. Lehane and wife, and Mrs. J. McDonell, of McDonell Hills, were at Lebret on Sunday.

Miss A. Meehan, teacher of Kronsberg school, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. J. Meehan went to Loon Creek on Sunday. Our young friend will seed about forty acres of his homestead this spring.

Mr. Sworder was as Indian Head on Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Seymour and Misses Cora and Ena Seymour were guests of Mrs. D. McKinnon of Balcarres on Thursday.

Messrs. D. and H. Cameron, of Poplar Plains spent Sunday at Lebret as the guest of their sister, Mrs. D. McDonald.

We heartily congratulate our popular representative in the Territorial Assembly, Mr. D. H. McDonald upon his election to the leadership of the opposition. It is a well-merited tribute to Mr. McDonald's energy and ability.

Holy week was duly observed in the Church of the Sacred Heart here. On Holy Thursday High Mass was celebrated at 9 a. m. by Rev. Father Bosquet and a very eloquent sermon preached by Father Van Heertum. On Good Friday solemn services were held at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and on Saturday High Mass was celebrated at 9 a. m. The Easter service was particularly beautiful and impressive and was attended by a large number of people.

Touchwood Hills.

From our own correspondent.

Spring is with us again, together with the ordinary epidemic of prairie fires set by unresponsible people. Some damage has been done already, one man having his hay burnt. If they go on, as weather gets warmer, more will follow. Every horseman is busy now preparing for the races, which may possibly be a week or two later than usual. When they do come off we hope to see some of our friends from the Station.

Springbrook.

From our own correspondent.

Owing to the fine weather which has prevailed seeding is nearly finished, wheat sowing especially. Working on the land this spring has been a pleasure to what it was last year, owing to the absence of the wet and slush, which has also enabled farmers to put in their grain better.

Miss Elliot, who was down in Ontario visiting her home, has returned to the district.

Bourns Bros. have their 700 acre crop of wheat nearly in.

Mr. Berton Brown has moved into his new house, which he has improved by making it higher and adding to it a new kitchen.

A number of young men have arrived from Ontario and have found work in the settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Seymour visited Wide Awake on Sunday.

Rev. J. J. Squire preached an able sermon on Sunday last on Christ as the Light of the World. A large congregation was present.

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A FATEFUL ABDUCTION.

BY MAY AGNES FLEMING.

Author of "A Wonderful Woman," "Sharing Her Crime," "Maude Percy's Secret," etc. etc.

Sinking on her knees, Kate buried her face in her hands, to shut out, as it were, even from herself, the terrible vision of the approaching conflict. She knew by the orders given, and the sounds on deck, that they were rapidly approaching the shin and in trembling expectation she awaited the opening of the conflict.

Time an hour passed away, every moment dragging on like an age, and then the uproar of the battle commenced. Kate sprang to her feet with the spring, a most courageous impulse to fly on deck to the rescue—assistance of her promise given to her young friend's protector. Never actually fearless, and come of a brave, high-bred race, it was with wild excitement that she paced to and fro the narrow cabin. The noise awoke Syra, who sprang to her feet, with a wild scream; but Kate, in her excitement, scarcely heard her.

Gradually there came a lull, and the thought, "The men are boarding her!" flashed across Kate's mind. She was right. The pirates, like a swarm of bees, crowded on the deck of the merchantman, headed by their fiery young commander. Suddenly his eye fell upon the form of an elderly gentleman, who stood fighting bravely with a burly pirate. It was the Earl of Dunsmore—who, as the reader well knows, was bound for Cuba. The eagle eye of the young captain saw that he was fast sinking, though still fighting bravely before the tired falling blows of his younger and stronger opponent. Already the sword of the pirate was raised to deal the earl's death-blow, when with a sudden spring, the young captain darted forward and struck up the weapon of the pirate. Then, springing on a gun-carriage, he raised a small bugle, which always hung at his belt, and blew a clear, loud blast. There was a momentary pause in the conflict, at the sound, and then the voice of the pirate chief shouted:

"Back, my men! Let the conflict cease!"

Surprised at an order which they had never received before, but accustomed to implicit obedience, the savage pirates, in the very act of victory, dread luck, and silently lowered their reeking swords. Still more amazed, the crew of the merchantman awaited the issue of this unexpected deliverance from death.

Approaching the earl, Captain Raymond touched him on the shoulder and said, sternly:

"A word with you, if you please, my lord!"

Thunder-struck that he should be known to the leader of a gang of pirates the earl followed him a pace or two out of the vessel, while the boy-captain ordered his men to cease their conflict. Then, from the view of the crew, the two stood gazing in each other's faces, then the earl said:

"Well, Sir Pirate, what have you to say to me, or how come you to know me?"

For reply, the young captain took off his hat, and shook back the bright locks from his white forehead. Then, looking the earl full in the face, he said, quietly:

"Do you not know me?"

For a moment the earl gazed into the proud, handsome face of the young privateer like one in a dream; then, slowly, an expression of horror unspeakable came over his face; his eyes seemed starting from the sockets; his face grew ghastly, his lips bloodless, and with the piercing cry, "Oh, Heaven! oh, heaven!" he reeled, and would have fallen had not the young captain caught him in his arms. Laying him gently on the deck, he turned to his men, and, waving his sword in the air, he cried: "Come on!" and in another instant he was on the deck of his own vessel.

There was an expression on his face that made their hearts stand still. They dared not disobey one by one they followed their leader, and left the poor lord they had left the most utmost far behind. Perplexing as it all was, they dared not ask the reason, for there was in look on the young captain's face that they knew well was to be feared. With a strange, fatal influence, he gave a few orders to his second in command, and then, descending to his private room, he locked the door.

And all through that long night Kate heard the quick, restless tread she knew so well to and down, up and down, without ceasing, she traveling night.

CHAPTER XIX.

JEALOUSY.

The good ship Wonder Witch was homeward bound. Day after day passed on, each bringing them nearer old England, and with every day Kate's heart rose higher. She was exactly tired of the sea, and longed once more to stand on her native land, even though it should only be within the walls of the old Moor Manor.

To the pirate crew it evidently gave the satisfaction, as Kate judged by the low murmurs and angry curses they indulged in when their leader was away, for they dared not murmur before him.

And here a strange change had passed over him since they had left the coast of the Earl of Dunsmore and captured the merchantman. A deep, settled depression from which nothing could arouse him, had taken the place of the easy good humor which seemed natural to him. Strange as it seemed in a pirate chief. Some hidden grief—or, it might be remorse—weighed on his spirit coming not in fits and starts, as it had formerly done, but clinging to him like a garment. He no longer mingled with the crew—seldom speaking to them, save to give a necessary order, and then again relapsing into gloomy silence.

The long, weary vigils and night watches grew more and more frequent; and night after night, that rapid, nervous tread continued, until Kate began, at last, to wonder if he ever slept?

"Remorse!" thought Kate—"the worm that never dies, yet God's best gift to man, preys on his heart;" and, womanlike, with this conviction on her mind, she forgot, in her deep sympathy, his dark crimes. Let his guilt be what it might, he had, evidently, suffered for it, long and deeply; and sorrow goes far to atone for guilt. Then, too, the words of a certain good old book recurred to her mind: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone;" and Kate, forgetting all, would have given worlds to remove the despondent frown from those dark, mournful, blue eyes.

So Kate no longer shunned his society, but sought it on every occasion—from no other impulse save the kind of diverting his mind from its settled gloom. But there was one on board who looked upon her changed manner in a far different light, Syra, blinded with jealousy, saw it all down to love. Every word, every action of Kate's—and Captain Raymond's also—disclosed by her half-crazed imagination, with still another indication of mutual love. Jealousy is Argus-eyed. Not a word, not a look of either escaped her—all were cherished in her burning bosom, adding fuel to the fire of her hopeless jealousy. Often sitting talking to Captain Raymond, Kate, on looking up suddenly, would see the dusky form of the quadroon crouching on a coil of rope, watching him with eyes of fire. There was something so fiendish in her hideous countenance at such times, that a sensation approaching fear would creep over Kate's fearless heart, but only to be shaken off, as a childish fancy. Sometimes she would be on the point of striving to reason away those jealous fears, and show her how absurd they were; but Kate Sidney, after all, had her little failings, and predominated among them was a overweening pride. This pride it was which made her shrink from it; she could not endure to place herself on an equality with one, who, notwithstanding her peerless beauty, was still a servant. She felt it would thus become a humiliation, and one which she had no idea of enduring. Besides, she shrank from speaking on the sacred subject to the passionate quadroon—fearing some fiery outburst of passion, all the fiercer from being so long restrained; and being no way romantic, she had a nervous horror of a scene. Thus the days passed on, dreary enough to all parties.

One night, feeling restless, Kate arose, and, throwing on a dressing gown of white cashmere, went on deck. It was a delightful moonlight night, and, advancing toward her favorite seat, she seated herself and prepared to enjoy the delicious scene. The young captain was below, in his own state-room, and the night-watch alone kept the deck. Suddenly she started, to see lying prone on her face on the deck, her thin garments fluttering in the night breeze, the slender form of Syra Her attitude was one of such utter, abject woe, that, forgetting everything, save that she saw before her a suffering fellow creature, Kate laid her hand on her shoulder and said softly:

"Syra!"

Shrinking from the touch as though she had been stung by a viper, Syra sprang to her feet, almost shrieking:

"Don't touch me! I hate you! I hate you!"

Kate forgot her fierce words, in the look of unutterable misery on her face, and answered, with grave kindness:

"I am sorry you will you thus render yourself miserable? What have I done that you should hate me?"

"Done!" screamed the quadroon, her eyes blazing with rage; "viper! serpent! to ask what you have done. Have you not won his love, for which I would give my life and soul? have you not come between me and the only being on earth I ever can or will love? Answer me, vile beggar! have you not done this?"

Kate's whole frame quivered with suppressed passion at the insolent words of the quadroon, who stood drawn up to her full height, her small hands clenched, her features convulsed, her great, black eyes blazing with rage and scorn. The calm calmed Kate, and she answered, after a pause, with calm dignity:

"No! most decidedly and emphatically no! I have done no such thing. Neither would I answer the charge to any one but you; it is absurd; but you cannot see these things as they are—you are blinded and crazed by jealousy! Therefore, I once again answer no! I have done none of these things with which you charge me. I could not stoop so low!" And Kate's lip curled as she drew herself haughtily up to her full height.

"'Tis false!" screamed the quadroon, purple with passion, and raising her clenched hand, as though to strike her; "you know you speak false, you white-faced daughter of a cold-blooded race! But I swear by the God you worship that you will never be his bride—never!"

She hissed the last words through her clenched teeth with such concentrated rage that Kate was absolutely appalled. Recovering herself by an effort, she answered in the same calm, dignified tone in which she had spoken throughout:

"I have no wish to be, neither has he to make me his wife. I think that you, Syra, are much better fitted to be a pirate's wife than I am."

There was a slightly sarcastic tone in Kate's voice as she said the last words, that absolutely maddened the fiery quadroon, flying upon her like a tigress, quivering with rage. Syra was absolutely unable to speak with passion.

Kate noticed her convulsed face, and unwilling to remain longer in so humiliating a position, she arose and moved with quiet dignity toward the cabin, saying:

(To be continued.)

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A COMBINATION THAT STARTLED A BRITISH VISITOR.

The Englishman's Story of the Oratorical Surprise That Was Sprung Upon Him at an American Banquet at Which He Was a Guest.

"It had been pointed out to me more than once," said the visiting Englishman, "that one difference between Englishmen and Americans was that Englishmen, as a rule, are good conversationalists and Americans good speakers, but the fact was only fully impressed upon me at a dinner I attended some time ago. It was a large public dinner of the $15 a plate variety. There were all sorts of big men and famous after dinner speakers present. My seat was between a small man, who was entirely occupied with his friends on his right, and a large fat man on my left. As a neighbor at dinner the latter did not appeal to me. He kept a trifle too much of his face submerged in his plate for strictly good form.

"But you know the expansive feeling that a noble dinner with good music generates in one. We'd scarcely finished soup when some trifling thing occurred that suggested what seemed to me such a very clever bit of comment that I was obliged to share it with some one. I turned to my right hand neighbor, but his neighbor was claiming all of his attention. Then I turned to my left. The large fat man was finishing his bread stick and gazing anxiously at the waiters who were beginning to bring in the fish. He didn't strike me as a promising subject, but it was he or nothing, so I leaned over and let him have my clever bit of comment. He withdrew his eyes from the incoming waiters long enough to give me a vacant stare and mutter 'Aw—yes,' and plunged immediately into the turbot which was set before him.

"'I don't scatter any more pearls before that,' I said to myself. But a little later, just as the entrees were coming in, I had another happy idea. This one was a gem—as superior to my first as rubies to rhinestones. I looked about me in despair. My right hand neighbor was trying to talk to a man four seats above him. He was out of the question. I tried to go on with my dinner, but it wouldn't do. I felt like the poet's dark, unfathomed cave of ocean. I glanced toward my left. The fat man was oblivious and moist with labor.

"'No matter,' I said, 'this would awaken the soul of a chimpanzee.' And watching my opportunity I gave him my delightful idea straight between the eyes. He looked at me this time as though I had awakened him from a sound sleep. 'Aw—og—g——,' I dessay,' he mumbled uneasily and went back to his plate like an arrow to its mark.

"I tried to pay strict attention to my dinner from then on, but I've never been able to understand what was the matter with me that night. It was just as they were bringing in the nesselrode pudding. It wasn't an idea, it was an inspiration—one of those things that come to a man once in a lifetime and make him famous if he happens to have a parliament or a mass meeting handy. There was no struggling with it. It was a case of finding a prompt outlet or of standing on my chair and shouting it to the crowd. I turned and addressed my right hand neighbor, but he was laughing so hard at something that had been said that he didn't even hear. Then I turned to my left. He had opened his waistcoat.

"'Nevertheless,' I said, 'he is a human being.' And the next moment I had leaned over and grasped his arm, and my inspiration was flashing out before him like the seven Pleiades. You'd have thought the beggar feared personal violence. All he said was, 'Mm—n—yes, no doubt,' in a worried tone and returned to his second plate of pudding.

"'Where else on earth outside of this blasted country,' I said to myself as soon as I had stopped shuddering, 'would any one run the risk of being put alongside that kind of an animal at a respectable public dinner?' It was perfectly plain to me now. He had two stomachs instead of a soul. I wondered how he had got in and whether he'd snore loud enough to disturb the speakers when the cigars were lighted.

"I wasn't myself again until after the after dinner speaking was well under way. But those speeches were not to be resisted. They were the kind of after dinner speeches that aren't heard anywhere else in the world—eloquent, poetic, witty, graceful.

"Finally, after half a dozen, the toastmaster rose with the bubbling demeanor of a man who has something extra felicitous up his sleeve. He was going to call upon a gentleman who needed no introduction before such an audience and on such an occasion, one under the spell of whose voice most of us had allowed our cigars to go out on numerous occasions before. It gave him profound pleasure to introduce—

"Just then the beast at my left moved his chair, and I missed the name, but there was a roar from the tables. I turned in my seat. Great Jupiter! The fat man was wiping his mouth and getting up on his feet. 'They will throw the fool out,' I said. But they didn't. There was another roar from the tables; then a great stillness.

"'Gentlemen,' said my revolting friend, buttoning up his waistcoat askew. With his first sentence he gathered the 300 of us together and for ten minutes held us in the hollow of his hand. For ten minutes we swung between laughter and the verge of tears, between holding our breaths at visions and vowing to live and die better citizens. It was the most wonderful after dinner speech I ever heard, or ever hope or want to hear. And in that speech, only embellished and transformed out of all semblance to their original selves, were the three clever things I had fired at him during the course of the dinner."—

Delightful Metaphors.

Wisconsin is still lamenting the death of one of her ablest editors, a literary genius of Irish birth, whose specialty was the mixture of metaphors. He first achieved fame by this stinging reply to an offending contemporary:

"Thus the black lie, issuing from his base throat, becomes a boomerang to his hand, and he is hoist by his own petard and finds himself a marked man."

In good time he went the way of the world. In a little autemortem obituary which he left on his desk he said: "We feel that our race is almost run. Like a tired runner, we shall soon cross the harbor bar, and, casting aside the harness, shall lie down upon that bourn from whence no traveler returns."—Collier's Weekly.

Brother Dickey's Philosophy.

De longer I live de mo' impress I is wid de freedom er dis guv'ment outside de jail.

De office er de president is so high dat sometimes w'en he gits dar he can't see de people below 'im.

I don't b'lieve in dis country spreadin out so fur dat its arms can't reach its coattails.

Fum de way dey talks, de Lawd is on both sides er de wars, but dar's no doubt dat de devil's all over 'em.

In politics dey mos' inginrully kicks de ladder down w'en dey gits ter de top. But sometimes dey overlooks de fac' dat dey ain't no fire escape in de buildin.

Many er de congressmens we sen's ter Washin'ton ter save de country ain't never heard fum 'twell seedtime.

Politics meks strange bedfellers, en dey never is enough kiver ter tek in de crowd.—Atlanta Constitution.

An Absurdity Perceived.

"I could face starvation itself for your sake!" he exclaimed as he dropped to his knee.

"You mean that you wish to marry me?" said the heiress.

"Ah, yes!"

"My dear count, I wish you would kindly explain how you think starvation can get close enough to a family with as much money as ours to give you a chance to face it."—Washington Star.

The Old Standby.

Magazine Editor—Here's a pretty how de do! We have three pages to fill and nothing that's worth while to fill them with. What's to be done?

Assistant—Let's get Markham to explain why he wrote "The Man With the Hoe" and what it means.—Chicago Times-Herald.

SHE WAS PALE AND LANGUID.

Too Nervous to Sleep, and Daily Grew Weaker and Weaker By Using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food She Gained in Weight, the Color Returning to Her Cheeks, and She Gradually Became Strong and Well.

Few people escape the depressing, debilitating effects of spring, when the blood is thin and watery and the whole system exhausted by the artificial life of winter.

The young lady whose case is described below had never been strong since passing the critical period known as the dawn of womanhood. She was always overcome by tired, languid feelings and lacked the color, strength and elasticity of movement which are natural to a girl of seventeen.

Her mother tells in the following letter how her daughter was completely cured by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great restorative.

Mrs. E. McLaughlin, 95 Parliament street, Toronto, states —"My daughter was pale, weak, languid and very nervous, her appetite was poor and changeable, she could scarcely drag herself about the house and her nerves were completely unstrung. She could not sleep for more than half an hour at a time without starting up and crying out in excitement.

"As she was growing weaker and weaker I became alarmed and got a box of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. She used this treatment for some weeks, and from the first we noticed a decided improvement. Her appetite became better, she gained in weight, the color returned to her face and she gradually became strong and well. I cannot say too much in favor of this wonderful treatment since it has proven such a blessing to my daughter."

In cases of thousands of pale, weak, nervous girls and women Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has demonstrated its unparalleled restorative powers. For men who are worn out by overwork or the ravages of disease this treatment is equally efficient.

It is a blood builder and nerve vitalizer of most unusual merit, which overcomes disease by strengthening and invigorating the whole system. As a spring restorative it is unapproached by any remedy known to man. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

PALE PEOPLE

Have their blood enriched, their heart strengthened and their cheeks rosy by using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

Insufficient quantity or poor quality of the blood is one of the evil results that usually follow any derangement of the heart.

If the heart becomes weakened in any way it cannot pump the blood to the lungs as it should, there to be purified and impregnated with the life-giving oxygen.

As a result the blood deteriorates. It loses its nourishing, vitalizing, health-giving qualities. The face becomes pale, thin and waxen, the lips bloodless, the hands and feet cold.

There is weakness, tiredness, shortness of breath and palpitation. When those suffering from thin or watery blood start taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills they are assured of a cure. Every dose acts on the heart itself, causing it to beat strong, steady and regular.

Every dose, too, introduces into the blood those vital elements necessary to make it rich and red.

Soon the pale cheek takes on the rose hue of health, there is strength instead of weakness, energy and activity take the place of tiredness and lassitude.

Miss M. Skillen, 50 Turner Street, Ottawa, Ont., says: "I was greatly troubled with my heart, together with extreme nervousness for many years. These complaints brought about great weakness and feeling of tiredness. My blood was of poor quality, so much so that I became pale and languid. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cured me after all else failed. They built up my system, enriched my blood, strengthened my nerves and restored me to health."

"TAKING" ROYALTY.

The most photographed person in the world is the Prince of Wales. Some 30,000 photographs of him are sold yearly.

The emperor of Germany enjoys having his photograph taken. There is a yearly demand for 15,000 of his likenesses.

The sultan of Turkey is very diffident about having his pictures taken. When it is over, he acts as if he had been through a very trying ordeal and takes in long breaths, as if the strain had been intense.

Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria has an idea that he can pose himself better than any one else can; hence he always chooses his own attitudes. Once the photographer stooped to press a tassel into his majesty's trousers. "Oh, never mind," replied the emperor, "it would be far better if you could iron the wrinkles out of my cheeks."

The pope is very peculiar about having his picture taken. He had some photographs taken some 15 years ago which he favors. In most cases he refuses to have others taken. He gives as his reason that his friends who take the pictures have been true to him, and he wishes to be true to them. Every year about 18,000 of them are sold.

Gentlemen,—While driving down a very steep hill last August my horse stumbled and fell, cutting himself fearfully about the head and body. I used MINARD'S LINIMENT freely on him and in a few days he was as well as ever. J. B. A. BEAUCHEMIN.
Sherbrooke.

Dreams of the Maimed.

M. de Manaceine, the Russian psychologist, mentions the case of a person born without arms or feet who always dreamed that he had been amputated. Now, it should be borne in mind because, that the majority of persons born without arms or feet always dream that they possess these extremities. It is evident, he maintains, that the difference results, in the first instance, from weak impressions hereditarily transmitted, and in the second instance from the strength and precision of these impressions. Persons whose limbs have been amputated are subject to curious delusions while asleep. They never dream that they are walking on crutches; quite the contrary, they invariably dream that they are leaping with their feet, with this difference only—that as time passes their extremities appear to become shorter and shorter.

M. de Manaceine mentions as a curious fact that this hallucination is pronounced when the wound has healed without complications, while on the other hand there is no hallucination when the process of cicatrization has been painful. Moreover, we find the reason of this difference in the greater or lesser intensity of the sensations experienced. Still, if the dreams of persons normally formed persons are characterized by certain peculiarities, they are none the less subjected as to their dreams, to the caprices capable of the human organism, and for the dreams, their repercussion on the waketul state is manifest.

Hotel Balmoral, Montreal. Free Bus. Rates $2.50 up. E. T. Evans.

STORY UNCONFIRMED

NO OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THE ALLEGED DISASTERS.

The Enemy is Active—Brabant Holding Out at Wepener—Gatacre Recalled—Gunners Killed.

London, April 12.—Lord Roberts wires from the war office from Bloemfontein, under date of Tuesday: The enemy have been very active during the past few days. One commando is now on the north bank of the Orange river, not far from Aliwal North while another is attacking Wepener. The garrison there is holding out bravely and yesterday inflicted serious loss on the Boers. Major Springe, of the Cape Mounted Rifles, was killed. No other casualties have been reported as yet. The troops are being moved up rapidly. A patrol of six men of the Seventh Dragoon Guards, under Lieut. Wetherley, who had been reported missing since April 7, has returned safely."

As the foregoing does not mention the alleged British reverse on Saturday at Meerkatsfontein, the Boer telegrams are discredited at the war office.

General Gatacre's return to England is accepted as being in the nature of a recall, though no reason is given for it, and it will be associated in the public mind as his lack of skill. Lord Roberts criticized his management of the Stromberg attack and possibly Gatacre, arriving an hour and a half to late to rescue the Redderlsberg force, may have decided his return.

The Reuter Telegram companys' correspondent at Aliwal North, wiring at 9.30 this a.m., says: "There is no further news from Wepener. Too cloudy to heliograph. More British troops are arriving."

Evening—When the Boers commenced shelling, the British were drilling, and one private was killed and another was wounded before the soldiers were withdrawn from range. Then the naval brigade opened fire and drew a heavy Boer fusilade, and two of the cruiser Philomel's gunners were killed. The naval men stuck to their positions, however, and the Boers unmasked six guns including a one hundred pounder, and shells fell in all the British camps. After three hours bombardment, the Boer fire slackened.

London, April 13.—There is little fresh intelligence form the seat of war in South Africa. It looks as though Lord Roberts may be preparing to make a strong effort to clear the Boers from behind him. A Cape Town dispatch says he will not move for another week, owing to the necessity of gathering stores and supplies.

Bloemfontein, April 12 — General Gatacre, the commander of the Third division, is about to return to England.

Gen. Pole-Carew has been appointed to the command of the 11th division. Several changes are likely to be made in the brigade commands.

London, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, says. "The Boers to the southeast are exhibiting an indecision of movement, possibly in consequence of our occupation of the railway. Bodies of the enemy are still moving from Winburg southward through Thaba N'Chu. Their destination has not been ascertained. The Boers in the neighborhood of Paardeberg show no disposition to interrupt our communications with Kimberley, from which point civil convoys are still arriving.

London, April 13.—The war office issued a return of the total British casualties up to April 7. It was as follows: Killed in action, 211 officers and 1,309 men. Died of wounds, 48 officers and 1,605 men. Missing and prisoners, 158 officers and 3,742 men. Died of disease, 47 officers and 1,485 men. Accidental deaths, 3 officers and 64 men. Repatriated invalids, 288 officers and 4,964 men. Total, 12,363; number of the sick and wounded now in hospitals. To the war office return of casualties must be added the loss of the last week and the wounded, aggregating about 10,000 men, making a grand total of upwards of 23,000 officers and men put out of action.

THE DIVA DIVORCED.

Marie Tavis Company With Her Aristocratic Husband.

New York, April 12.—A special to the World from Galveston, Tex., says: "Quietly and without even the judge knowing the case knowing the identity of the defendant, a divorce has been granted in the tenth district court here to Mrs. N. F. Armstrong, from Nellie Armstrong, better known to the world as Nellie Melba. He is a son of Sir Andrew Armstrong, Bart., M.P., and Lady Frances Fullerton Armstrong, of Queen's county, Ireland.

April 12.—Mayor Macdonald was awarded a verdict for $100 damages yesterday in his suit against the Mail and Empire for libel by reporting alleged false statements made concerning him at a public meeting in connection with the municipality campaign and for other libellous editorial comment. The same lines $100 on each count.

DOMINION HOUSE.

Ottawa, April 12.—In the house yesterday Sir Adolphe Caron asked if the report was correct that Major Drummond had been appointed to the command of the Canadian militia. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was not correct.

The bill to amend the act to provide for the conditional liberation of penitentiary convicts was read a second time. Sir Wilfrid explained that the bill was one that had been passed by the senate. It was for the purpose of extending the ticket of leave system to minor offences. It now only applied to penitentiary offences. The bill passed through committee.

The bill respecting members of the Northwest mounted police for serving in South Africa, was read a second time. It passed in committee, was reported, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Moore, of Stanstead, resumed the debate on the budget. His principal theme was the duty on coal oil which he said ought to be reduced.

After Mr. Moore had finished his speech on the budget, Mr. McMillan, Huron, moved the adjournment, and Mr. Fielding moved the house into committee of supply. Mr. Clancy brought up again the franking privilege, explaining that it was abused during the recess. Sir Louis Davies interpreted the law to read that ministers had the same right to use their frank during recess as members had during the session.

The house went into supply and took up the estimates of marine and fisheries. In reply to Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Mulock said that newspaper postage at a quarter cent per pound for the three months ending March 31, 1899, was $10,332; the amount 1-2 a cent per pound for the two months ending Feb. 28 last was $17,982.

The house adjourned at midnight until Tuesday next.

It is reported here tonight that negotiations for treaty arrangements between Canada and Trinidad have fallen through, and that the island has succeeded in securing a promise from the United States for a treaty.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Winnipeg, April 12—Preparatory to adjournment today until Monday, May 7th, the local house voted yesterday an estimate for $150,000 to pay salaries of officers, grants to schools and other necessary expenses until after the passing of the estimates. The premier promised to bring down the prohibition bill, and the provincial treasurer the royal financial commission report, immediately on the reassembling of the house in May. The speaker laid on the table the report of the provincial library and museum. Mr. Greenway called attention to a violation of a customary respect to His Honor in that the clerk, instead of the speaker, read messages from the lieutenant-governor. Bills to amend the municipal and assessment acts in the interest of the city of Brandon, and a bill to amend the registry act, were given a first reading.

Paris Exhibition.

New York, April 13—A Paris cable says immediate steps are now being taken for the completion of the exhibition sufficiently to allow for a proper opening on Saturday. Scaffoldings are disappearing and the wilderness of bricks and mortar is being transformed into attractive gardens.

A group of artists going over the grounds yesterday was unanimously of the opinion that the real notable feature of the exhibition, as far as beauty is concerned, is the Alexander III bridge This is probably the most beautiful work of its kind the world can show. The last touches of the interior decorations are now being made by an immense number of workmen, who arrived in Paris during the last few days. Wages have gone up to astounding prices, certain skilled workmen making from $10 to $15 a day.

The official programme of the opening will be issued today. The ceremony will be very simple. About 12,000 persons will be admitted, including the whole parliament, all the ministers and ambassadors, including Dr. Leyds, and the papal nuncio.

B. C. Elections.

Victoria, B.C., April 12.—The British Columbia general election will be held on May 26, and the house meets July 5. Dissolution was the result of direct pressure from Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 12.—The action of the agent of the government at Victoria, Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, in dismissing his constitutional advisers, who were meeting the legislature at the moment and answerable to the representatives of the people, attracted the attention of his excellency's advisers here at the time and the matter was afterwards pressed upon their attention in the house of commons.

An official request was made upon the lieutenant governor by his excellency in council for an explanation of his action. After a considerable delay the governor's letter of explanation has been received and is regarded as inadequate.

Hamilton, April 12. — James A. Lowell, formerly member for Welland in the commons, died at Niagara Falls South yesterday.

HEAVY CANNONADING.

BRABANT IS HARDLY PRESSED AT WEPENER.

Final Attack on Mafeking—Col. Otter and the Cornwalls—Buller's Naval Gun. Booming.

Aliwal North, April 11.—An engagement took place yesterday at Wepener. The Boers' Vickers-Maxim did considerable execution at first but the British guns soon got the range and made great havoc. The Rouxville commando has gone to Wepener.

The fighting at Wepener was severe and lasted all day long. The Boers received a check. The casualties were rather heavy on both sides. Another commando is advancing towards Wepener from De Wets Dorp.

Aliwal North, April 11. — Heavy fighting was continued at Wepener this morning. The result is unknown. Three Boer commandos are attacking the town.

Mafeking, March 27.—News was received yesterday of the advance of the southern relief column.

The Boers this morning opened fire at sunrise with seven guns, including one 100-pounder. The Boes siege gun alone has already fired over sixty rounds Under cover of the fire the Boers advanced on the northern face of the works, but retired precipitately on coming within rifle range. They also advanced to the southwestern posts, but were repulsed. There was one casualty.

The Boers under Commandant Jan Cronje are evidently falling back before the advance of the southern relief column and are concentrating with two commandos, who are retiring before Col Plumer in order to make a final effort to reduce the town. All the forts and outlying positions are manned, the troops standing to arms and everybody in under cover.

All are convinced that this is the Boers' last attempt.

Halifax, N.S., April 11.—Bishop Courtney has received a letter from Chaplain Cox, of the Second Canadian contingent from Cape Town in which is the following: "The Canadians (first contingent) had heavy marching for several days and arrived at Paardeberg just at its hottest. Imperial officers say they never saw such cool men. They went into action laughing and smoking and telling jokes. The Cronwall regiment was with them. The colonel of the Cornwalls told Col. Otter that the Canadians would have to charge across a piece of veldt 800 yards wide with a cross fire raking it. Col. Otter demurred at making his men charge at so long a distance.

The Cornwall colonel then said: "If you don't like to, or don't know how to, the Cornwalls will show you."

Col. Otter said: "The devil you will. We will lead and you keep up if you can." It was here in this charge that the heavy loss occurred.

London, April 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brandfort, dated Sunday, by way of Lorenzo Marques, says: "Yesterday Gen. DeWet engaged the British for the third time within a week at Meerxatsfontein killing and wounding 600. He captured 90 with 12 wagons losing five Boers killed and nine wounded."

The Daily Mail publishes the following dated Tuesday April 10 from Lorenzo Marques: "The Netherlands Railway company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kronstad the Boers capturing 900 British."

Commenting upon these, the Daily Mail remarks: "There is a Meerkatsfontein at about eight and a half miles southest of Kronstad, but if the report be true this can hardly be the place."

The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay: "It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded, and 800 taken prisoners."

Brandfort Station is about 40 miles north of Bloemfontein on the railway line to Pretoria.

MORE MEN WANTED.

A Contingent of Fifty Fusiliers and Mounted Police Wanted at Once to Fill Probable Vacancies.

Ottawa, April 11.—A cable was received yesterday from Lord Strathcona asking that a contingent of 50 men be forwarded to South Africa to at once join the Strathcona Horse, and be ready to fill vacancies, which may be caused by casualties or otherwise. It is therefore apparent that the Strathcona Horse will be at once sent into action, and it is therefore the intention to keep the regiment up to its full strength. The department of militia will see that the order is at once carried out. Plainsmen and mounted police will be selected, the same as was done in the first instance.

Honolulu, April 11.—Two cases of plague were reported March 28. One was a Japanese fisherman, the other a white man named John Bailey. Since that date no new cases have appeared.

CONDENSED NEWS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14.

A rebellion has broken out in Korea.

The Shah of Persia has started on a trip to Europe.

The annual convention of the C. W. A. was held in Toronto.

Italy has inaugurated a campaign in opposition to the dreibund.

Several N. P. railway time changes, to take effect April 29, are announced.

Telegraphers on the Intercolonial are dissatisfied with government concessions.

Kingston military college will receive 14 commissions in the imperial army.

There is little change in the telegraphers' strike on the Southern railway.

Melbourne MacDowell and Blanche Walsh had a serious falling out in Omaha.

The St. Paul lacrosse club has voted to join the Western Canada Lacrosse association.

H Newton, a Rapid city district farmer, after brutally ill-treating his wife, committed suicide.

A prohibition convention was held at Souris and a Dominion Alliance meeting at Wawanesa.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13.

The water is rising at Montreal.

Plague riots have broken out in India.

Columbus, Texas, is entirely surrounded by water.

H Williams will be hanged in Toronto on Saturday.

The Toronto Patriotic fund is now nearly $81,000.

Chas M. Allen has been appointed governor of Puerto Rico.

The Pretoria Red cross society is much in need of necessaries.

All telegraphers on the Southern railway have been ordered out on strike.

Many lives were lost by the collapse of a four storey building in Pittsburg.

A mine in Deadwood camp, near Greenwood B. C., has been bonded for $200,000.

Three fishermen and eight life boat men were drowned off the Cornish coast.

The report of friction between Halifax garrison and imperial authorities is denied.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

Montreal civic scandals are on the increase.

Heavy snow falls have taken place in Kansas.

Several Texas rivers have risen and are at flood height.

Chas. Legue, of Manitwaki, Que., left an estate valued at $100,000.

A train of settlers' effects and stock was wrecked north of Saskatoon.

A delegation from Selkirk waited on the premier in connection with an electric railway charter.

Queen Victoria went for an eight mile drive along the River Lilley and was caught in a hurricane.

Melba, the celebrated singer, has been divorced from her husband, C. N. F. Armstrong, son of an Irish baronet.

Leon Gagot, of the French war office, has been arrested, accused of selling secret military documents to Germany.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

Lebanon, Texas, has been destroyed by a tornado.

At Acton, Ont., 200 tannery employees are on strike.

Empire Day will be celebrated with great eclat in Montreal.

The rising in Ashantee is spreading and Coomassie is invested.

A $45,000 fire visited Ottawa, destroying a jam factory and two stores.

There are 28 cases of small-pox at Souris-on-the, Que., and business is suspended.

The newly formed Imperial Liberal council has held its first meeting in London.

Two special trains of settlers have left Halifax for the Northwest; also 150 Mennigon men.

Peter Robertson, formerly of Galt, Ont. and a companion, were drowned near Vancouver.

Consul Hay has failed to find in the Transvaal any foundation for Ex-Consul Macrum's charges.

His Excellency Intercancil has intimated to Lieutenant Governor McInnes that his recent opposition re-getting B. C. crests is inadequate.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

The Paris exposition exhibits will be open Sunday.

Banker Fischer, of Oakland, Cal., committed suicide.

Joe Wayne was hanged to death in Rossland, B. C.

Progress is being made on the Fael for coaling stations.

J. Bonch, a Napinka bank burglar suspect, has been arrested.

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, will visit Berlin, May 6.

The salary of Winnipeg's mayor has been increased to $2,000.

A Montreal bank teller has left the city, $4,000 short in his cash.

Mr. Nichol's wedding, at Gull Mountain, Man., was celebrated by fire.

A. S. Barrett, a well-to-do Toronto physician, died at Lumberley of fever.

The Lake of the Woods company has received a flour order from Trinidad.

The Shamrocks, a new junior lacrosse club, has been organized in Winnipeg.

The Klondike creeks clean up is estimated at from $25,000,000 to $30,000,000.

Col. Delamere, Toronto, will command the Lord Strathcona Horse and Major Hickey still be adjutant.

MONDAY, APRIL 9.

Sewell Gaskins, of Albany, Ore., is dead.

Two Mexican Indians settled a quarrel with pistols.

W. H. Black has been appointed registrar of Meaford.

A $1,000,000 fire visited the business district of Pittsburg.

The Edmonton bridge across the Saskatchewan has been completed.

Four Indians were convicted at Prince Albert for the murder of a plasterer.

Two boys, sons of Fetherston, Ont., residents, were drowned in a creek.

Queen Victoria has sent Lady Dufferin the Victoria cross won by her husband.

Richard Croker, a New York grain dealer, formerly of Winnipeg, has assigned.

Two fire-insulating grease works at Cincinnati, Ohio, were completely destroyed by fire.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Wheat—Manitoba No. 1 hard, Fort William, 68¼c.

Flour—Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, $4.85; Glenora, $4.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, $4.40; XXXX, $4.05; Lake of the Woods patent, $4.85; Strong Bakers, $4.65; Medora, $4.40; XXXX, $4.20 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

Millfeed—Ogilvie's bran, $14.50, shorts, $15.50 per ton; Lake of the Woods bran, $14.50; shorts, $15.50.

Ground Feed—Oat chop, $23 per ton; barley chop $17, and mixed feed of barley and oats $20 per ton. Corn chop, $18; oilcake, $27.

Oats—No. 2 white, 31 to 31½c per bushel in carlots on track. No. 2 mixed, 30 to 30¾c.

Barley—Carlots 35 to 36c off cars here. At country points 30c on track is the ruling figure.

Corn—Carlots of No 3 corn on track are worth 49c.

Wheat—At 13c freight rate points 54c is now the ruling quotation, at 16c points 54c, and west of that 53c.

Flaxseed—About $1.25 per bushel represents the value.

Oatmeal—Manitoba meal is being offered at $1.65 per 80 lb. sack to the retail trade by miller.

Hay—Fresh baled hay is worth $5 to $5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, $3 to $4.

Butter—Creamery—The market is nominal at about 24c per pound. Dairy—Finest dairy in tubs will bring as high as 18c, and is regularly quoted at 16 to 18c, prints fetch 20c per pound, rolls 17 to 18c, and second grade butter from 10 to 14c, according to quality. Freight and commision off these prices.

Cheese—Small, 14 to 14 1-2c per pound; large, 14.

Eggs—The top price for case eggs now, subject to candling, is 12c per dozen, less expressage. Limed are worth 6c per dozen, and fresh local eggs 20c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 40 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 25c to 30c; carrots 60c; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; dry onions, $1.25 to $1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 2½c per pound; celery 75c per dozen bunches, lettuce and parsley, 40c per dozen bunches.

Dressed Meats—Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per lb; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6c to 6 1-4c for best weights.

Poultry — Turkeys, 11c per lb.; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c; chickens, 11c.

Game—Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

Hides — No. 1 inspected hides, 7c to 7¼c; No. 2, 6 to 6¼c; No. 3, 5¼c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 7c, calf, 8 1-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

Wool—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca root—28c per lb.

Chicago, April 11.—A non-union plasterer working in the basement of the Marshall Field building, was assaulted and seriously injured by a union picket today. Nearly 200 union men were discharged by the contractors of this building yesterday and their places filled by non-union men.

Ottawa, April 11.—The department of justice is being communicated with in regard to the hanging of Henry Williams in Toronto on Good Friday. Exception is taken to the day set for the execution.

Alex. Hume, a barber at Fernie, B.C., was probably fatally stabbed in a drunken brawl.

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Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Montreal	270	
Molsons	190	180
Merchants	163	
Union	120	
Commerce	154	
Miscellaneous.		
War Eagle	145	137
Payne	135	130
Canadian Pacific	87½	87¼
Montreal Tel	173	172
Bank of Com. Nav	141	139
City Pass R'y	270	260
Halifax R'y	98½	95
Montreal Gas	198	197
Toronto R'y	100½	99
Duluth Preferred	8½	5
Can. Pac. R'y, Montreal	90¾	90¼
Can. Pac. R'y, London	89½	
Money time	6	
Money on call	5½	

FOREIGN MONEY.

Quoted by Alloway & Champion, 262 Main street, Winnipeg.

Benchmarks	$0.73	1-4
American Dollars	0	3-4
Holland Guilders	0	39
France	0	19
German Reichlies	0	24
French Marengo	0	19
Kruger	0	36

New Advertisements and Changes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Thos. Skinner—Bull For Sale.
——— Breaking to Let.
Miss Gibson—Buffalo Coat Lost.

CHANGES.

D. Brown—Veal Wanted.
J. Doolittle—Boom Mouldings, etc.
C. P. R.—Steamship Sailings.

LOCAL NEWS

Dentistry.—Dr. Washington, Dental Surgeon, will be at the Leland Hotel from April 25th till Friday, April 27th. Teeth extracted without pain. Also best artificial teeth inserted. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call early.

Easter bonnets were everywhere en evidence last Sunday.

Wanted,

An Office assistant. Apply to or communicate with

S. H. CASWELL & Co.,
Qu'Appelle Station.

S. Thomas', Vernon.

Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle at 11 a. m. and Holy Communion.

Re-opened.

School re-opened on Tuesday last, no further cases of diphtheria having occurred.

Goods Arrived.

There is no need of going to another town for drugs now as W. H. Hunter, our new druggist, has just opened out a full supply.

S. Peter's.

Services next Sunday at 8 a. m. and 7 p.m. There will be no service at 11 a.m. The Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle will preach at the evening service.

A special sale in Toilet Soap at HUNTER'S Drug Store. 2

Prairie Fires.

Prairie fires have been raging for some time in the north. On Sunday a wide stretch of country from the Fort to south of Strathcarrol was swept by the destructive element.

Entertainment.

The Columbian Comedy Co., comprising sixteen performers, played to small houses here on Monday and Tuesday nights. They afforded a couple of hours' amusement for those in attendance.

C. E. Convention.

The Regina 1900 Christian Endeavor convention on May 24 and 25 promises to be one of the best ever held in the west as every effort is being made to render it both pleasant and profitable.

Formalin of 40 per cent standard strength guaranteed. Any quantity at HUNTER'S Drug Store. 2

Sold Out.

Mr. McEwen of Griswold, Man., has purchased Mr. Wm. Johnston's hardware business in town and will be here in a few days to take charge. In Mr. Johnston the town will lose a good citizen and an obliging gentleman. He has not yet decided where he will locate.

School books and school supplies and stationery of all kinds at HUNTER'S Drug Store. 2

Easter Services.

S. Peter's, the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches held special services on Sunday last. In the two former the regular clergy officiated. Rev. Dr. Sparling occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church and delivered an excellent sermon on the proof of Christ having risen.

Fresh Beef now on sale at G. Ambler's. Salmon will arrive in a few days. 1

Support your Town.

We understand a traveller for a paper firm was selling wall paper retail in town the other day and yet at least two stores here carry large supplies of that article. Merchants who do such an act cannot expect to get the trade of their fellow citizens. Support the up-to-date business man who supports the town. His name will usually be found in the PROGRESS advertising columns.

A Baseball Club.

A meeting of all interested in the formation of a baseball club will be held in D. Brown's office on Friday evening next, 20th inst. A full attendance is requested.

A Lady's Buffalo Coat Lost

Near the Sunny South School on April 6th. Finder will be rewarded upon returning to Miss Gibson, Qu'Appelle Station or Sunny South. 1f

Press Excursion.

The itinerary of the Western Canada Press excursion has been decided upon. Starting on May 29th from Winnipeg, it will pass via St. Paul, Milwaukee, Chicago, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Brockville, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Fort William and Rat Portage, thence back to Winnipeg. The excursion will include a trip through the Thousand Islands and will be by far the cheapest and best excursion ever undertaken from the west.

PERSONALS.

George Scott, of Loon Creek, was in town on Saturday.

John Love, Touchwood, is in town to-day.

Arthur Wismer has been laid up since Monday with quinsey.

Alwin Fessant has another attack of tonsillitis.

J. R. Brown has been gazetted a Licence Commissioner for District No. 4.

W. A. Heubach, of Kutawa, passed through here on Wednesday, on his way to Winnipeg.

Rev. Father Roy, who has so ably filled the pulpit of the R. C Church in this town for some years, has removed to Vernon, B. C.

Mr. Wm. Broley leaves to-day with his family for Weyburn. We wish him every success in his new home, though sorry to lose him from our midst.

Edgeley Echoes.

From our own correspondent.]

Mr. A. Matheson made a tour of this district on official business on Monday last.

Mr. George Booth has returned to his home, having disposed of his farm in Wide Awake where he has been living for some years past.

Messrs. Patterson and Griffith, of Wide Awake, visited friends here last Sunday.

On account of it being a legal holiday, the school was closed for Easter from Thursday night till Tuesday.

Mr. E. E. Law, of THE PROGRESS, spent Good Friday visiting friends in this locality.

Mr. Fred Wilson, of Moose Jaw, is now visiting his brother, Mr. T J. Wilson.

Rev. Dr Sparling, Principal of the Wesley College, Winnipeg, preached to a large and appreciative audience on Easter Sunday. The church was very nicely decorated by the ladies for the occasion, which added to the interest. Many from a distance were present to hear the Doctor speak in the cause of the college which he so ably represents. The collection and subscription taken up amounted to about $23. The speaker was clear and forcible and highly pleased all with his able discourse. We would all like to hear him again.

Mr Frank Russell visited Qu'Appelle Station last Sunday.

We are requested to call the attention of the council and the public to the condition of the dams and bridges in this neighborhood which are in a sad state of repair. One dam we have seen has a gorge cut through it by the spring floods, and a nice inviting vertical wall into which one could easily drive after night. A certain bridge has one end hanging very close to the water, and seems to be debating what it will next do. Another dam is still being used, though it is far from being safe. We hope all this will be remedied in good time.

We regret to have to announce the death, after a long illness, of Mrs. E. G. Whittingham, which took place on Wednesday evening, 18th inst. THE PROGRESS joins with their numerous friends in extending sincere sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

Qu'Appelle Observatory.

		Maximum.	Minimum.
Wed.	11	57	30
Thurs.	12	57	28
Fri.	13	56	24
Sat.	14	58	29
Sun.	15	65	31
Mon.	16	60	18
Tues.	17	53	22

New Goods!

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Just Opened Out

DRY GOODS
CLOTHING
Furnishings
Shoes

Come and look at them. No trouble to show goods.

J. P. BEAUCHAMP & Co

ESTRAY.

FROM S, 4, 19, 15, last fall, 1 bay mare, weight about 1200, 7 years old, white face. 1 bay mare 7 years old, white star on forehead. 1 bay mare about 10 years old, S and Y on flank. Two dark bay horse colts 2 years old. Suitable reward for information leading to recovery.

T. MATTICK,
3 Qu'Appelle Station.

Pure-Bred Percheron.

The undersigned has secured the well-known black Percheron Stallion

DOCK

For the season 1900, and will keep him for service throughout the Qu'Appelle district. Dock's sire was imported from France and his dam was registered in the American Percheron Horse Book.

For terms apply to

WM. SIDES,
4 Qu'Appelle Station.

STRAY CALF.

A Red Heifer Calf strayed in to my herd last October. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.

E. WHALEN,
16, 36. 19, 16 Qu'Appelle Station.

Breaking to Let

ON SHARES or otherwise. Persons desirous of accepting above, apply at THE PROGRESS office.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 25th May next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, once per week each way between Pile Hills and Qu'Appelle—via Hayward—from the 1st July next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Pile Hills, Hayward and Qu'Appelle and at this office.

W. W. McLEOD,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office.
Winnipeg, 13th April, 1900.

DIED.

At Edgeley on Wednesday, April 18th, MARY JANE, beloved wife of F. A. Whittingham.

Funeral takes place to-morrow (Friday) at 10 a. m., to the Edgeley cemetery.

JUST ARRIVED

A complete stock of

CLOTHING,

In Men's Boys' and Youths' sizes. These are exceptional value. Also a complete and extensive range of

BOOTS & SHOES.

We have a special line of Men's Tan Boots. Call and see them. We are always pleased to see you. A call will convince you of the above values.

C. P. BAILEY & CO.

WE CAN SUIT YOU

With a stylish and comfortable Summer suit of the latest pattern and style.

A FULL LINE

of SAMPLES in Serges, Tweeds, Worsteads, and spring and Summer Coatings in Cheviots, Mottons and Whipcords.

W. J. RICHARDSON,
MACKENZIE BLOCK, QU'APPELLE STATION

FRESH BEEF.

The undersigned will have a full supply of Fresh Beef in a few days, to suit all customers.

FRESH and SALT FISH.
FRESH VEAL WANTED.
WINNIPEG PRICES PAID.

D. BROWN, Qu'Appelle Station

MacCAUL & HARVEY
FOR
SCREENS

To fit all windows. Get them up before fly time.

RAW FURS
HIDES AND DEER SKINS
SHIP TO
McMILLAN FUR & WOOL CO.
EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS.
200-212 FIRST AVE. NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
Write for Our Circular and See the Prices We Pay.

THE QU'APPELLE FLOUR MILL

Is now in running shape

WE respectfully ask the public to give us their patronage, and in return we undertake to give them general satisfaction in both quality and quantity of Flour.

We have endeavored to make the Qu'Appelle Mill equal to any west of Winnipeg. It is fitted up with the latest system and most improved machinery.

D. MOORE,
Manager.

NOTICE!

APPLICATIONS will be received until noon of Monday, May 7th, 1900, for two Road Overseers and a man having experience in handling a road grader, for the Municipality of South Qu'Appelle.

J. C. STARE,
3 Sec.-Treasurer.

FOR SALE.

"Earl of Winchester," a thoroughbred Shorthorn bull. Cheap for cash. Apply to GEO. L. BAILEY.

In the Supreme Court of the North West Territories Judicial District of Western Assiniboia.

In the matter of the Winding Up Act, and of the Qu'Appelle Felt and Boot Company, Limited.

Pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Richardson made herein and dated the 13th day of March, A. D. 1900. Notice is hereby given that each creditor of the above Company is required to send to A. D. Dickson, Esquire, Bank of Qu'Appelle Station, the Liquidator appointed in this matter, on or before the 15th day of May, A. D. 1900, their claim against the said Company, together with a statement of the securities of any held by them.

TAKE NOTICE that each claim is required to be verified by statutory declaration.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the said Liquidator may, at the expiration of said time, distribute the Assets of the said Company amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said Liquidator then has notice.

Dated at Regina this 13th day of March, A. D. 1900.

Hamilton & Jones,
Advocates for A. D. Dickson,
Liquidator.

FOR SALE

TWO Registered Short Horn Bulls. I will exchange for another bull or a heifer, or a horse. Also a pure-bred Yorkshire Boar for sale.

24-26. THOS SKINNER, Kutawa.